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Bus Shelter to help homeless off streets



THE Bus Shelter which operates on the Isle of Wight

by Trevor Bevins

A DOUBLE-decker bus will be used as a night shelter in Weymouth for the borough's homeless.

It could provide up to twenty beds and would be run by a charity and staffed by volunteers. Two of the beds would be for volunteers.

Borough council officials initially turned the scheme down, but, after looking at how a similar scheme runs on the Isle of Wight, have agreed – provided the bus is capable of being moved.

Subject to final negotiations, and meeting a funding target, the bus could be up and running by the summer.

"We believe that if people have their basic needs of sleep, food, water, warmth and safety met they will be able to work positively on achieving their goals and improving their future," said Trustee of the Bus Shelter Dorset charity, Emily McCarron.

"Rough sleepers will be supported with their life skills, benefits,

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BECKY Crabbe grew up in Lyme Regis and is now co-owner and director of renewable energy company Evergreen, alongside husband Ian.

They now live in Seaton, in East Devon, but with their offices in Lyme Regis they retain strong links with the town and say they are lucky to be bringing up their two young daughters in "such a fantastic part of the country".



● HOW did you come to be owner and director of Evergreen?

PRIOR to working at Evergreen I was a legal secretary at Beviss and Beckingsale Solicitors in Axminster.

I enjoyed working in the conveyancing department for 10 years before having my two gorgeous girls, now five and seven-years-old.

Whilst at home when the girls were young I started to get involved with the running of Evergreen with Ian, my husband. I have now been juggling the girls and the office for three years, life is busy and really enjoyable.

Evergreen is most definitely a family business, husband and wife living and working together!

● HOW has the business developed over the years?

THE business began as my husband's small electrical company and grew to become Evergreen in 2011, when we started carrying out solar PV installations as well as electrical work.

In 2014 we started our plumbing and heating services and extended our range of renewables to include heat pumps, solar thermal and biomass. We have had help on the way and we are grateful to those who have contributed to our success.

● WHAT services does the business offer?

WE OFFER a wide range of services including electrical, plumbing and heating, as well as the installation of renewable technologies such as solar PV, ground and air source heat pumps.

We also fit wood burners and flues and carry out bathroom refurbishments. We are NIC EIC registered electricians and MCS registered renewable installers.

● WHAT sets it apart from other renewable energy companies?

WE ARE a local, friendly, family-run company based in Lyme Regis.

We pride ourselves on taking time to advise and discuss which renewable technology is best suited to our customers and their property. We have a great team around us and couldn't do it without them!

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● WHAT are the benefits of using renewable energy methods, such as solar PV?

MANY think that solar PV it is not worth considering now that the financial incentives have been reduced, but it is still a viable option.

You can still achieve rates of return of five to seven per cent, and the ability to generate your own free, clean, green power is very satisfying.

Energy price rises and the developments in battery storage make solar more relevant, not less. Currently we are fitting more ground source and air source heat pumps than solar PV.

This is partly due to the government backed RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive) which pays people for installing renewable technologies.

● WHAT do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

WITH mummy and daddy running a busy business our spare time is very precious to the family, we enjoy long walks on the beach/countryside with our six-month-old puppy Coco (you may have seen photos of her on our Evergreen Facebook page!).

You may also see us at the Lyme Regis Football Club supporting the 'Seasiders' on a Saturday afternoon.

Sundays are family time, cooking a big roast dinner, sometimes up to 10 of us, all generations together!

● WHAT do you like about living in the local area?

HAVING lived and grown up in Lyme Regis, I love the fact that the Evergreen office overlooks Golden Cap, you can never tire of that stunning view, no matter what the weather.

My family has lived and worked in Lyme Regis for many years. My maternal grandfather, Victor, was a painter and decorator and my paternal grandmother, Olive, ran the Habour Café down at the Cobb for years.

Ian and I feel very lucky to be bringing our children up in such a fantastic part of the country.

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Social work positions advertised to combat staff shortages

MORE than a dozen social worker jobs are being advertised in Weymouth.

They will replace agency staff drafted in over recent months to run services from offices close to the town's rail station.

If the recruitment drive is successful it could save Dorset council taxpayers hundreds of thousands of pounds over the course of year.

Staffing agencies have been advertising locum social worker jobs in Dorset at more than £30 an hour with managers positions almost double that – comparable staff positions would typically pay between £15 and £20 an hour.

The problems in social care were highlighted in this newspaper last week when it was revealed that, despite a recruitment campaign, more than 20 per cent of social work posts in the county remain unfilled.

Unison says the crisis has been partially caused by the county reducing the number of its own recruits it pays to train, a national shortage of qualified social workers and the high cost of living in Dorset.

Other counties have offered incentive payments to attract staff and have also increased pay rates. The union says that staff are holding a higher number of cases, many of them complex, than they ever have.

Because of the shortages sickness levels have increased among the county's social work staff and many are working well in excess of their hours – some more than 60 hours a week for which they receive nothing extra in their pay-packet.

The job advert is asking for 12 experienced social workers for Weymouth with salaries up to £37,000, depending on experience; three team managers up to £44,000 and a part-time position.

The closing date is February 26th.

Sharky's soft play to close

By Trevor Bevins

A POPULAR Weymouth harbourside soft play area closes its doors for the last time this Saturday (February 18th).

Sharky's decision has been met with shock from local parents who have used the centre over the past twenty years.

Its owners say that rising business rates, rent and the council decision to increase car parking fees have all taken their toll on the business over the past three years.

Prior to the attraction opening in 2007 it was run as the Deep Sea Adventure museum.

Brothers in law, Keith Rupp and Jason Seale purchased Sharky's Weymouth in 2007, when the play centre was the only indoor soft play facility in Weymouth.

The owners say that indoor play facilities will continue at their other family-owned business, the Fun Factory on the Granby Industrial Estate where there is free car parking, a larger café and, when the weather is good, an outside as well as an indoor play area.

All of the Sharky's staff from the Weymouth business have been offered positions at Sharky's Fun Factory on the Granby Industrial Estate.

Jason Seale, Manager and Co-owner of Sharky's Weymouth and the Fun Factory said: "It is a sad time for the business, but it does mean that Keith and I can really explore the opportunities that are available to us by focusing on one play centre.

"We will be improving the purpose built Quasar – Elite Laserzone on the first floor at the Fun Factory as this is ideal for older children, teens and adults. We will be introducing a third party room on the ground floor to accommodate large groups and improving our outdoor facilities.

"We also intend to introduce 'pop up play' events during the year with new events, BBQs plus attractions throughout the summer season in the garden.

"Internally we intend to extend the under three's toddler area and add more features to the main play frame."

But the decision has caused concern for parents without their own cars. Getting to the Fun Factory, rather than Sharky's would involve a bus ride, or having to find the cash to pay for a taxi.

On social media many expressed their surprise that the venue would close this Saturday, February 18th.

"Such a shame for such a well-run business to have to take this decision," said Lorraine Bash.

"Love it here – best play area," said Tiffany Kelly.



SHARKY'S soft play centre is to close

Bus Shelter scheme to get homeless back on their feet

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health and housing by volunteers on the bus.

"The aim will be to work alongside other agencies to encourage guests on the bus to move into suitable accommodation and to change their cycle of homelessness in order to integrate back into society."

Emily and her partner Eddie are working with other trustees to register as a charity.

The couple, between them, have spent more than a decade working with homeless people.

"The bus shelter in the Isle of Wight has done really really well and we've had really positive feedback from it. Eight people have already moved on to more stable accommodation and the shelter only opened on December 1st."

Included on the bus will be secure storage space, an area for consultations with plans to use solar panels and a woodburner for heating and light.

The estimated costs have been put at around £10,000 with monthly running costs of around £1,500.

The first 250 people to donate a minimum of £50, will have their name on the back of the bus if they want to.

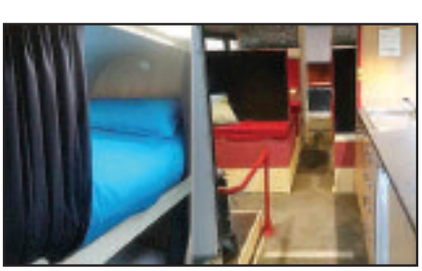
Those who use the shelter will be expected to sign a "contract of expectations" which will include being in bed by 11pm and up and dressed by 9am.

It will also offer a PO Box which will help with being able to apply for work, register with a GP and make benefit claims.

The move comes after claims at a public meeting that three people died on the streets of Weymouth last year with Government officials showing that the number of rough sleepers in the borough has doubled in the last five years.

A survey on a single night in the autumn discovered 11 rough sleepers, but community workers believe the actual figure, at times, is far higher.

Offers of donations for the bus, or offers to help in other ways, can be made via email to - thebusshelterdorset@yahoo.com or visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thebusshelter-dorset



INTERNAL view of the Bus Shelter which can accommodate up to 20 people

Road resurfacing

SOME roads around Weymouth Harbour will be closed from next Monday as resurfacing work takes place.

Custom House Quay, Commercial Road and Belle Vue will be closed to traffic in turn while the work is carried out.

Belle Vue will be closed on Monday, February 20th from 9am to 4pm while it is resurfaced with Custom House Quay, between The Esplanade and South Parade, closed between 9am and 4pm while patching work takes place.

Commercial Road will be closed between Lower St Albans Street and Custom House Quay at Town Bridge from 9am to 4pm on Tuesday, February 21st and Wednesday, February 22nd.

On Thursday, February 23rd patching on Commercial Road between South Parade and St Mary Street, will lead to road closures between 9am and 4pm.

On Friday, February 24th patching will be carried out by Town Bridge at the corner of Custom House Quay and St Mary Street.

Firearm incident

A MAN has been charged following a reported incident involving a weapon in Weymouth.

Police were called at 8.43pm on Saturday, February 11th after reports of a man carrying a handgun in Magnolia Close.

Police, including armed officers, attended the address and a search of the area was carried out. However, no one was located at the time.

Nobody was injured in the incident.

A 22-year-old Weymouth man has been charged with possessing an air weapon with intent to cause fear of violence and appeared before Weymouth Magistrates' Court on Monday, February 13th.

He will next appear at Bournemouth Crown Court on Thursday, March 16th.

Detective Constable James Batty, of Weymouth CID, said: "I am appealing to anyone who witnessed the incident and has not yet spoken to police, or has any information which may help me in my investigation to please come forward."

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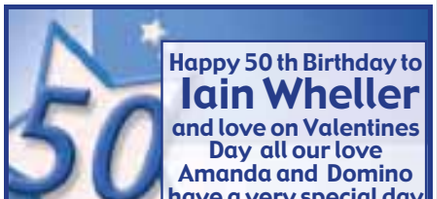
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Community grants for transport schemes

DORSET County Council is encouraging more people to set up DIY community transport schemes after slashing the public transport budget.

A whole series of new cuts will remove grants from many bus services in the summer. This follows on from cuts last year and the year before that.

Now the authority is launching a fresh push to persuade people to set up dial-a-ride services, volunteer car schemes and car-sharing.

It has available a community transport toolkit for communities to start up a transport scheme in their local area.

Around 350 toolkits have been distributed to local groups including all town and parish councils, libraries and Transport Action Groups (TAGs).

The county council is also offering match-funding community transport grants of up to £5,000 for charities, parish councils and community groups to help launch new services.

Since April 2016, 20 trial community transport schemes have been introduced across Dorset by a number of operators.

The initiatives follow the decision by the county council last February to reduce its subsidies for public bus services by £1.5million over two years, in the light of having to save £16million in 2016/2017. The council saved £500,000 in 2016/2017 by reducing funding for infrequent rural bus services and focusing on services used by the most people.

The council still needs to save a further £1million on public transport, as well as £850,000 on schools transport, in 2017/2018 to contribute its overall savings target of £18.3million.

County councillors will discuss and set the budget at their meeting the week on February 16th.

During September and October 2016, more than 2,600 people responded to a public consultation on changes to public and schools transport.

Councillor Peter Finney, Cabinet member for environment, highways and infrastructure, said: "With the financial challenges we face, the current model of subsidised transport in Dorset is unsustainable. We need to focus the available funding on those routes that carry the most people and do most to support our economy.

"We are working in partnership with communities to develop a thriving network of locally-owned transport links across Dorset. In time, we see this becoming integrated with a core number of town-to-town routes, commercially operated services and our own transport fleet to give people a more flexible range of travel options."

Further information about existing community transport schemes in Dorset and how to start your one can be found at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/community-transport

Council tax rise proposal

DORSET County Council's proposed increase for the next financial year is almost five per cent – adding £60 to the average household council tax bill.

Local residents will also have to factor in above-inflation increases being proposed by district, borough and town councils, the police and fire service.

The county council proposal, for a 4.99 per cent increase, has yet to be agreed by the full council, but with an overall Conservative majority, is likely to be approved.

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Campaigners welcome housing supply reform

By Trevor Bevins

COUNTRYSIDE campaigners in Dorset have welcomed the Government's plans to reform the housing market and boost supply of new homes.

The Dorset Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) says that at times it had feared that the Government's Housing White Paper would herald a new assault on the countryside and yet another round of developer-driven planning changes.

However, Chairman Richard Nichols said: "Dorset CPRE is hugely heartened that the paper promises continued protection of the Green Belt, support for more brownfield development, and to address the failures of the housing market as opposed to further meddling with the planning system – all fundamental issues CPRE has relentlessly banged the campaign drum on. There are also proposals to discourage developers from dragging their heels once they have the land and permissions needed to build."

But the organisation, while accepting there is a need for more affordable housing, says it does not accept the unduly high number, 73,000 houses currently required by central government to be built in Dorset. It believes that such a number amounts to at least 150,000 new residents and 100,000 more cars by 2033, as well as additional pressure of what it says is already an inadequate infrastructure, such as education and the NHS which is already struggling to fill vacancies.

'These staff shortages are largely caused by the high cost of property, now unaffordable for nurses and ancillary workers, arising from a lack of truly affordable housing available.

'If we are to protect the countryside and prevent urban sprawl, it is essential that housing targets are local, honest, realistic and deliverable. The outcome of this consultation represents the acid test of whether the Government is able to protect the countryside while meeting its aspiration for more house building."

The group says that it will support groups who want to fight against proposals for their communities which are seen as unsupportable.

Exports are booming for Dorset's businesses

NEW figures show Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry helped the county's firms export £163.5million worth of goods in 2016.

DCCI's International Trade Department processed some 11,133 transaction documents during the calendar year 2016 for firms selling abroad. Exports included racing pigeons to UAE; bath bombs to Ukraine, Mexico and South Africa; throat lozenges to Azerbaijan; caravan equipment and spare parts to Egypt; and custom wheelchairs for the Invictus Games in America.

The chamber, the county's leading business support organisation, continues to expand its International Trade Department with two new members of staff in 2016. Two more – an administrator and a co-ordinator – are being recruited.

Chief executive Ian Girling said: "Confidence among business in Dorset, including exporters, has rallied.

"Dorset firms supply an incredible array of products and services both to Europe and the wider world, helping to drive the local and national economy. As well as challenges, there will be exciting new opportunities from Brexit. DCCI will be encouraging and supporting experienced and new exporters to seize this chance to put themselves and the county on the new world map."

The top destination for exports from Dorset in 2016 was Saudi Arabia with 2,082 documents processed; followed by UAE with 1,551, Qatar with 869, Turkey with 762 and Kuwait with 615.

In terms of shipment values the highest destination totals were UAE with £38.6million, Turkey with £20.9million, South Korea with £16.4million, Egypt with £11.5million and Saudi Arabia with £8.5million.

Seafront toilet block is sold

A WEYMOUTH seafront toilet block, which has been closed since October, has been sold to a developer – subject to contract.

The ornate building, on the corner of Bond Street, also has a four-bedroom apartment above it, although it has not been used for more than ten years and is expected to cost £40,000 to bring it back into use.

When the borough council decided to sell the building it was said that suitable uses could include a small hotel, restaurant or bar.

It was put on the market with bidders asked to make offers above £250,000.

The council says it will provide temporary loos nearby on the seafront while a long-term solution is found.



Lifeboat and coastguard search for missing kite surfer

WEYMOUTH RNLI Inshore lifeboat was launched at 2.15pm on Monday, February 13th at the request of Solent Coastguard to carry out a search in Weymouth Bay for a kite surfer reported to be in difficulties.

A thorough search of the surf line from the Pavilion to Bowlease Cove and out to a distance of one mile and as far as Newtons Cove was carried out by the volunteer crew of the lifeboat.

Coastguard search teams checked the shoreline and the coastguard helicopter also joined in the search of the bay from the surf line out to a distance of one mile.

After a two hour search in the choppy waters and cold easterly wind with nothing found, all units were stood down.

The Inshore lifeboat returned to harbour at approx 4.15pm.



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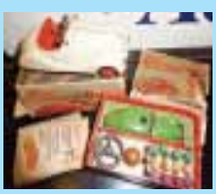
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Marketing Weymouth's outdoor activities

WEYMOUTH is being promoted as an adventure sport and activity destination this year.

A team from Weymouth BID and local activity representatives will be promoting the area at the Outdoor Adventure & Camping Show this week at the ExCel London.

The Outdoor Adventure & Camping Show, which runs until February 19th, is the UK's largest outdoor show with over 50,000 visitors.

Nigel Reed, Manager of Weymouth BID, said: "Weymouth is the perfect destination for adventure sports and with the market expanding; this is the right time to promote the area. All the tourist trade reports nationally indicate the growing requirements for coastal resorts to diversify and provide a wider choice of activities particularly in niche markets with a higher spend.

" Representing Weymouth at national trade shows is a great way to get Weymouth on the map and in amongst bigger tourism organisations as well as delivering the BID's Business Plan".

Weymouth BID will also be hosting a new event called the "Big Dorset Outdoor Weekend on May 20th and 21st , the event will bring together a large number of outdoor activity and adventure events in South Dorset with a focus on Weymouth & Portland. Activities will include cycling, walking, sailing and a vast selection of water based activities.



PROMOTIONAL: Journalists visit Weymouth's Activity weekend in September 2016



AWARD WINNING: Left to right - A Sporta Representative congratulates Nigel Williams, general manager of Osprey Leisure Centre, watched by BBC sports presenter Garry Richardson

Energy saving brings rewards at leisure centre

PORTLAND'S Osprey Leisure Centre has received an industry award for its energy saving efforts.

Since 2014 the centre has saved around £35,000 in energy costs each year.

The level of savings has now led to the centre being recognised by SPORTA UK who have awarded the centre the Exceptional Social Enterprise Improvement Award.

The Portland centre was built by the Royal Navy and although well-built was costly to run when it was take over by the community.

Work started with a loan from the Carbon Trust which was repaid over a three year period from savings made during that time. New lighting technology, a pool cover and a replacement air handling unit all reduced consumption by approximately 25 per cent. The centre then teamed up with the company who installed the air handling to test some very new technology which was the first of its kind in the UK.

As a result of the changes the gas consumption at the leisure centre has dramatically reduced in the past 12 months.

General manager of Osprey Leisure Centre, Nigel Williams, said: "In the early days it was frightening how expensive the centre was to run with utility costs taking up over 20 per cent of all our income. The mission to reduce consumption has resulted in this now dropping to well under 10 per cent and this is without the benefits of any Renewable Heat Incentive repayments from the government which will almost make the centre self-sufficient in gas costs."

Close monitoring of the daily figures has shown that in the last five months Osprey Leisure Centre has experienced reduced consumption of gas by 89 per cent and electricity by two per cent.

Drink up for charity

REGULARS at Weymouth's Boot Inn have raised more than £150 for a cancer charity – by drinking beer.

Throughout January the pub donated 10p from every pint of Ringwood Best sold to the Cancer Research UK's Dryathlon, collecting a total of £153.

Over the past 12 months the pub and its customers have collected over £1,500 for a number of charities.

Getting in the swim

WELDMAR Hospicecare's first Charity Swimarathon takes place this weekend at the Osprey Leisure Centre, Portland.

Teams of six swimmers will be taking to the water on Saturday, February 18th from 12.30pm until 2.30pm. The event has been sponsored by New Image Tiles.

Those wishing to take part will need to register all six members of a team at the same time (£60 in total). The aim if then to see how many lengths of the 25m pool can be swum in an hour.

Dorset Moods exhibition

AN exhibition of mainly Dorset photos by Gerry White has opened at the Aqua Hotel, Castletown, Portland.

The Dorset Moods display will remain open until the end of February and features the work of Gerry, 50, who is self-taught.

He is now a member of Portland Camera Club which he says has supported and helped him develop his techniques.

Last year his hard work paid off when the won the Bob Ellis cup as the overall photography winner at the Dorset County Show.

He was also voted Photographer of the Year by Portland Camera Club and won an internet competition.

The exhibition is open at the hotel café from 7.30am to 5pm throughout February.

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Twinning links to remain strong despite EU Brexit

TWINNING between the French town of Louviers and Weymouth and Portland will continue – despite Brexit.

Borough Mayor Richard Kosier told the twinning society's annual meeting: "No matter what happens with Brexit and the European Union, it must not be allowed to interfere with the twinning with Louviers.

"It is important we all get to know each other's culture. Many people may ask why- in these times of change - should the tradition of town twinning continue? I believe it is an official relationship builder, encouraging people to meet, mix and get along. That's why town twinning- at its core - is a good and important activity."

The mayor, accompanied by mayoress Caroline Churchill, made his first visit to Louviers last September and was received by Louviers Mayor Francois-Xavier Priollau. The new Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Councillor Kevin Brookes, will welcome the delegation from Louviers on Friday, June 2nd while the Weymouth delegation sets off for Louviers on August 30th.

Chairman Geoff McDonnell reported it had been a good year - financially and socially - for the society. £472 had been raised from the one day stall on the seafront, which has contributed to a healthy financial surplus on the year.

He thanked Mayor Richard Kosior for his support of the society, which organises the twinning link begun in 1958.

Mr McDonnell was re-elected Chairman, having been first elected last year. Other officers re-elected were Cath Irving and Ted Nicklin (vice chairmen), Pam Nicklin (general secretary), Michel Hooper-Immins (public relations officer), Alderman Peter and Ann Rendall (welfare secretaries), Janette Martindill (accommodation secretary) and Tom Martindill (membership secretary).

Mike Beecroft was re-elected to the committee. Bob Scott becomes the new treasurer,while Joyce Scott takes over as minutes secretary. Richard Prior was newly elected to the committee.

Councillor Richard Kosior, Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, continues as president, with the deputy mayor and the mayor of Portland as vice presidents. Aldermen Roy Gainey and Peter Rendall remain as life vice presidents.

The annual subscription is £10.

Enquiries about joining the Louviers Society should be directed to secretary Pam Nicklin at 01305 771773.



MAYOR Richard Kosior congratulates Geoff McDonnell (left) on being re-elected as chairman of the Weymouth & Portland - Louviers Society
Photograph by Michel Hooper-Immins

Councils ask minister to back unitary authorities proposal

THE Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities, Sajid Javid, has been formally requested to back a proposal by six of Dorset's nine councils for major structural change in the county.

Dorset's three upper tier councils – the councils that spend the greatest percentage of the county's local government money and represent every resident on the county, Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole – are supporting this proposal, along with North Dorset, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland councils.

If agreed by the secretary of state, this proposal would mean Dorset's nine existing councils are disbanded and cease to exist.

The two new unitary councils that replace them would each deliver all local government services in their areas.

They would be structured around the natural established communities of urban and rural Dorset, with one covering Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch, and the other one serving the residents of the rest of the county.

Councillor Robert Gould, leader of Dorset County Council, said: "This proposal is about being aspirational and ambitious for Dorset.

"It is a chance in a lifetime to make Dorset a more successful, healthy, vibrant and prosperous county, for everyone who lives here.

"Two councils working together would collaborate on key matters such as attracting investment and government money, infrastructure planning and land use – something that is impeded by the existence of nine separate councils currently, each with their own uncoordinated priorities."

Councillor Anthony Alford, leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "This change is not driven by a desire for greater power, to protect individual positions or preserve any specific council just for the sake of it.

"In fact, quite the opposite. As well as financial imperative, this proposal could deliver a prize that is far greater than any council can achieve in its current form.

"The opportunities to really transform how public services are delivered in the county is breath-taking, and the benefits this would have for local people equally inspiring."

For more information, visit www.futuredorset.co.uk

Free paralympic swimming session

A PARALYMPIC swimming coach will be offering free taster sessions at pools in Weymouth and Dorchester.

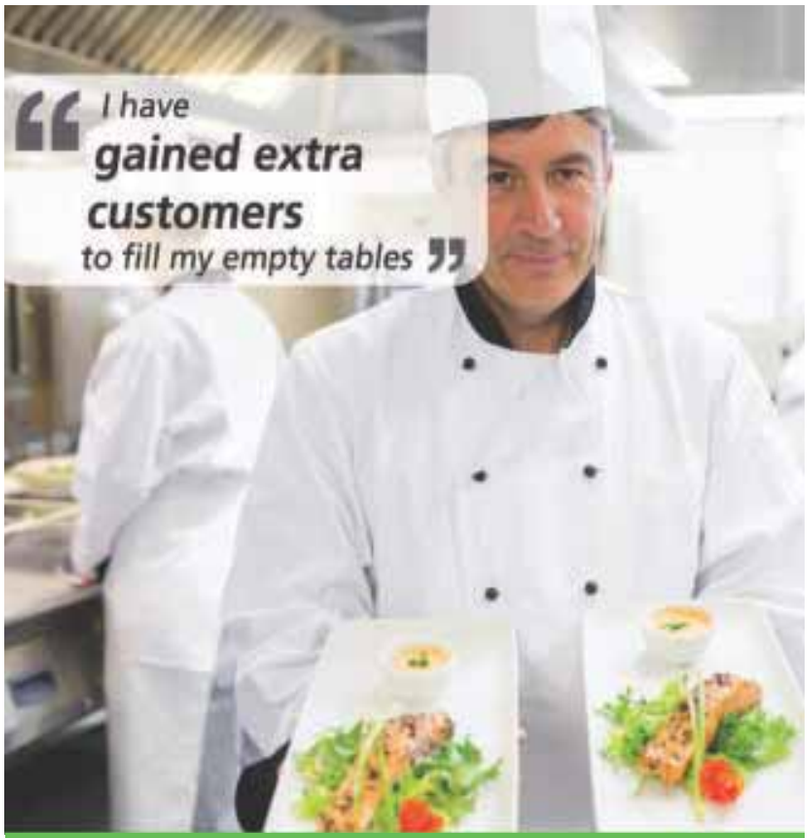
Dave White, England Para Swimming Talent coach will be at: Weymouth Leisure Centre today (Wednesday, February 15th) from 11.30 to12.30pm and at Dorchester Sports Centre from 2pm to 3pm.

He will be running a free disability taster session looking for future Paralympic swimmers and advising on how to improve swimming skills.

To book a place contact dave.white@swimming.org just show up on the day.







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GREENWOOD Grange at Higher Bockhampton won gold in the Self Catering Holiday Provider of the Year category

Businesses triumph at the South West Tourism Awards

DORCHESTER'S tourism businesses have triumphed at this year's South West Tourism Excellence Awards.

Taste Brasserie in Trinity Street scooped silver in the Café and Tearoom of the Year category, while Greenwood Grange at Higher Bockhampton won gold in the Self Catering Holiday Provider of the Year category.

This year's awards event was hosted by ITV news presenter Kylie Pentelow, with an opening address by travel journalist and Chair of Family Holiday Association Alison Rice.

Ms Rice was also this year's Chair of Judges and said: "Yet again the South West leads the way in tourism excellence. Whatever 2017 throws at this very special region of Britain, tonight's award winners will excel at what they do best - offering all comers the best possible visitor experiences."

Manager at Greenwood Grange, Zoe Belcher, said: "Our hopes were high for a win, but to actually take the trophy is an outstanding achievement and we are absolutely thrilled. This award is testament to the efforts and hard work of everyone at Greenwood Grange to ensure it is an exceptional place to enjoy a holiday.

"We were up against tough competition from Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, so we knew the standard in our category was high. To stand alongside other excellent tourism providers and win Self-Catering Holiday Provider of the Year is truly a privilege."

Many finalists in the awards were also nominated to represent the region in the VisitEngland awards, the finalists for which will be announced in March.

All entrants in the South West underwent a rigorous short-listing process with 380 being visited by a team of 36 mystery shoppers. Entry was free, and all entrants received feedback on how they had done, giving them useful tips for future success.

The full list of Finalists and Highly Commended entrants is shown below and can also be found at www.southwesttourismawards.org.uk



DORCHESTER'S Taste Brasserie collected silver in the Café and Tearoom of the Year category



STAFF from Greenwood Grange celebrate their win

Marie Curie pancake race

WHAT could become an annual pancake race for Dorchester is being held in the Borough Gardens towards the end of February.

The cancer charity, Marie Curie, is organising the race on Shrove Tuesday, February 28th.

It will be started shortly after 4pm by the Mayor, Councillor Tim Harries, following the 'bedding in' of the new plaque for the Marie Curie Memory Garden.

This will officially kick off the Great Daffodil Appeal for the charity in Dorchester, which will continue throughout March.

Lapel daffodils will be available from many shops and businesses in the area, and from Lidl's on March 10th and 11th and in South Street on Saturday, March 25th.

Organiser and group chairman Richard Crosby is still asking for volunteers to collect for Marie Curie.

Potential volunteers can contact him on 07879 692369 or via email richard.crosby2@me.com

Entries to the pancake race are being co-ordinated by Mayoress Anita Harries. The event will be open to any age and is being held at 4pm to enable those of school age to get there.

It will start close to the Marie Curie Memory Garden, close to the Princes Street entrance, where 1,200 daffodils were planted last year in memory of the number of people who have been helped by Dorset Marie Curie nurses in the past year.

Eggs thrown at bus passenger

EGG throwing yobs have hurt a bus passenger waiting at a Weymouth Esplanade bus stop.

Police have appealed for witnesses to the incident which happened at the K4 stop at about 9.45pm on Thursday, February 7th.

They described the car as a dark coloured VW Golf containing three young people, one of them a woman with dark shoulder length hair, wearing a dark jacket.

Witnesses should contact the police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 quoting incident number 55170019383.

Matt to kick-off fundraising challenge with shark swim

WELDMAR Hospicecare's Fundraising Manager, Matt Smith, will be swimming with sharks this week.

Matt is celebrating ten years of working for the charity by setting himself a number of challenges.

"Matt's Colossal 10" is a series of ten challenges, where he will face fears, physical demands, and experience adrenaline fuelled excitement. And he is looking for people to join him for each challenge.

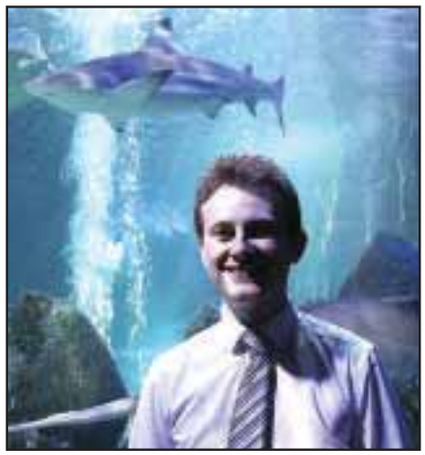
His first challenge takes place this Saturday, February 18th, when he will be swimming with sharks at Weymouth Sealife Centre.

Said Matt: "In my ten years at Weldmar Hospicecare, I have seen the fantastic care that has been given to thousands of patients and their loved ones. In the past decade, the services available to the people of Dorset have evolved and become much more patient centred.

"Like so many people, my family have benefited from Weldmar. My aunt was cared for by the amazing staff both at home and within the hospice 17-years-ago. Her illness impacted the whole family; Weldmar weren't just there for her, but all of us too. I see each and every day what a difference the hospice makes to so many families, and how vital the services are that are provided across the county".

The challenges are swimming with sharks, abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower at Portsmouth, the London Marathon, Skydiving, Three Peaks Challenge, Wingwalking, the Borneo Jungle Trek, a one mile open water swim, cycling 175 miles between all the Weldmar charity shops and a 10 hour dance-a-thon.

Matt said: "Working in fundraising, I know just how important the continued support from our local community is. They ensure that Weldmar's services can be provided throughout Dorset. I have been extremely lucky to have worked with, and supported, so many people who have taken on challenges to raise money for Weldmar and, in my 10th year, it is now my time to step up to the mark. I hope that you will join me too, in helping to continue fund these services."



MATT Smith by the shark tank at Weymouth SEALIFE Adventure Park

More information about all of the challenges can be found on Weldmar's website at www.weld-hospice.org.uk/colossal10.

You can sponsor Matt at www.justgiving.com/colossal10 where your donation will help Weldmar Hospicecare continue their services across Dorset.

Bus ticket price rise

FIRST Dorset has added 50p for return tickets to many bus routes in Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester.

The fare hike has affected routes between Dorchester and Weymouth, to and from Littlemoor and the park and ride, and between Weymouth and Portland and Bridport and Weymouth.

The company has denied that the increase is directly linked to the long-running industrial dispute last year.

The increase means it will now be cheaper to take the train between Dorchester and Weymouth - £4.60 on the railway, compared to £5 on the bus and for four people sharing may be cheaper to take a taxi.

The cost of weekly and monthly saver passes have not been put up.

Pub conversion

A WEYMOUTH pub, The Waverley Arms, in Abbotsbury Road is to be converted into flats – despite a petition to save it which attracted hundreds of signatures.

Landlord of another local pub, Thomas de Brincat, from The Belvedere Inn wanted to purchase the Waverley and keep it running as a music venue.

West Dorset Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) backed his bid and started a petition calling for the pub to be saved. An application was also made to list the pub as an Asset of Community Value, which could have prevented the change of use - but this has now been turned down by the Borough Council.

CAMRA pubs spokesman Andy Redding said that just because The Waverley does not have a big following at the moment, given the chance, it could do so in the future.

West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan Review

A public consultation will run from 6 February to 3 April across West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland

The Local Plan sets out a long term strategy to meet future development needs. It covers important issues like where housing could be built. We are reviewing the Local Plan and would like to know what you think.

To view the Issues and Options for the Local Plan Review and have your say, visit **www.dorsetforyou.com/local-plan-review** from 6 February 2017.

Drop-in sessions – where you can find out more about the review and discuss the plans with a planning officer - will be held at:

Sherborne	Digby Hall	Monday	20 February	10am-7pm
Weymouth	Redlands Sport Centre	Tuesday	21 February	10am-7pm
Portland	St. Georges Centre	Thursday	23 February	10am-7pm
Charminster	Village Hall	Friday	24 February	10am-7pm
Dorchester	South Walks House	Monday	27 February	10am-7pm
Beaminster	Town Hall	Tuesday	28 February	10am-7pm
Lyme Regis	Woodmead Hall	Wednesday	1 March	10am-7pm
Bridport	Leisure Centre	Thursday	2 March	10am-7pm
Crossways	Village Hall	Tuesday	7 March	10am-7pm
Chickerell	Willowbed Hall	Thursday	9 March	10am-5.30pm

Copies of the Local Plan Review Issues and Options will also be available at the council offices and at local libraries.

Use the online form at:
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Sessions to help drivers improve road safety

NEW sessions to help improve road safety for drivers over the age of 65 are being held in Weymouth.

They are designed to improve confidence and are being offered at the town's SafeWise centre in Radipole Lane.

The Dorset Driver Gold sessions offers both practical and theory sessions.

The theory sessions include judging speed and distance, negotiating roundabouts, traffic lights and junctions.

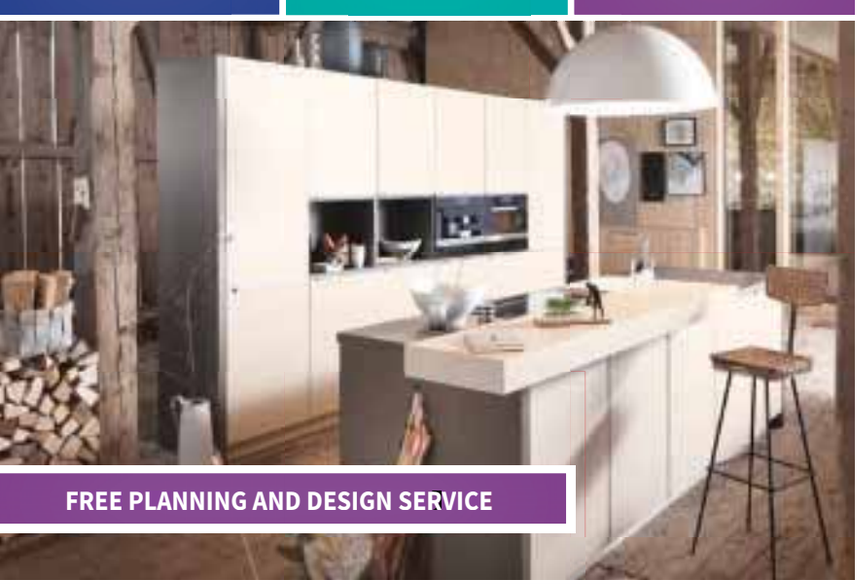
A session costs £10, is held for up to 20 people and lasts up to three hours including refreshments.

The practical sessions are held on a one-to-one basis using the driver's own car, last up to one and a half hours and costs £45.

The instructor looks at the way a driver deals with various traffic situations on the road and will make recommendations with the aim of enhancing current skills.

The next session takes place this on Monday, February 27th at 1.30pm with other sessions on March 22nd, April 18th and May 15th.

Further information is available via the Dorset Driver Gold webpage on www.safewise.org/dorset-driver-gold/ or via email to ddg@safewise.org or ring/text on 07713 499 777.

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B&B neighbours' concerns over drug rehab centre plans

By Trevor Bevins

RESIDENTS living near a property in Abbotsbury Road, Weymouth, ear-marked for a drug and alcohol centre, were meeting last night (Tuesday, February 14th) to hear about the proposals.

Neighbouring B&B owners claim the conversion of the Abbotsbury Road property to a rehabilitation centre would impact their businesses.

The property, currently being used as a bed and breakfast, is being bought by Dorset County Council with the help of £620,000 from Public Health England.

If finally agreed it will be used to provide therapy rooms, space for group meetings and beds for up to six people to stay who up to a week for detox programmes or to access other forms of support.

It will be staffed around the clock by experienced professionals.

But despite reassurances some residents have used social media to protest that the facility will bring more crime to the area and add to parking congestion.

Owner of the neighbouring bed and breakfast, Warwick House, John Richards, said that while he understood the need for the unit he felt it should be located in an area away where it would have less impact on neighbours. He points out that both the town's foyer and probation bail hostel are accepted because of the areas they are located in are more suitable.

Some councillors have welcomed the proposal saying that not only will it benefit individuals trying to kick their drug and alcohol problems – but also the wider community.

Councillor Christine James, a former mayor, said: "By helping people recover from substance misuse this initiative will benefit not only the individuals who access the hub directly, but the wider community by helping make Weymouth a healthier and safer place.

"I know that a lot of work is going into making the facility a well-managed service that will be a credit to the borough."

Councillor Mike Byatt, Dorset County Council ward member for Weymouth Town, said: "I am delighted that we have secured such a significant amount of funding to support local people struggling with their use of alcohol or other drugs.

"This facility should be an excellent and positive community resource, offering a space for treatment services and other community organisations to work from, and reducing the cost to the public purse."

Subject to planning permission, local charity Essential Drugs and Alcohol Services (EDAS) will be managing the hub.

Drew Caldwell, Dorset manager for EDAS, added: "We're really pleased to have helped to secure this funding for Dorset, and Weymouth in particular. We've already worked closely with other organisations – including the police – to make sure this facility is in the right place and designed in the right way. That's why we've committed to staffing the hub 24 hours a day, seven days a week, once it's open.

"We're keen to involve the local community in the design and coordination process of the hub, so please get in touch with us if you have any thoughts or concerns."

Go wild this half-term



■ **CHILDREN pond dipping at Lorton Meadows. Photo by Catharine Davies**

HALF-term activities are open to families at local Dorset Wildlife Trust sites in the coming days.

In Weymouth, visitors can take part in the Lorton Meadows nature reserve Caterpillar Kids events, kicking off with 'Mini Nature Reserves' this Thursday, February 16th from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Explore the woods, meadows and ponds of Lorton Meadows, then create a mini version to take home.

On Friday 17th discover the creatures of the wild Withy Woods, make boggarts for the trees and wood elf puppets to take home. Both events cost £2.50 and include games with the Conservation Officer. Booking essential on 01305 816546. Children must be accompanied.

At the Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre on Saturday, February 18th take part in the Chesil Challenge from 11am – 1pm. Children can explore a treasure trail inside and outside the centre looking for clues to solve puzzles and Chesil Beach and the Fleet Lagoon.

To find out more about all DWT events, visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/events or for more information call 01305 264620.

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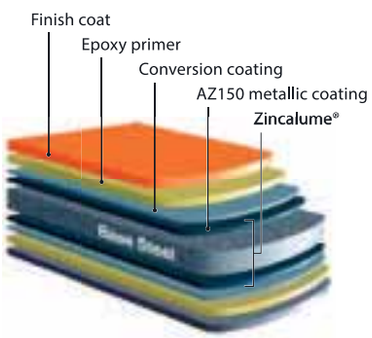
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The event is in aid of Charminster Pre-school and will include a raffle during the evening.

Royal wedding party

DORCHESTER University of the Third Age has a Royal Wedding 1947 theme for its summer tea party this year.

The event will take place on Monday, July 24th July.

Wine tasting supper

A WINE tasting evening is being organised by Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary at Stratton village hall in April.

The event is open to tables of six to eight with a panel offering a description of each wine.

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The event takes place on Saturday, April 22nd at 7.30pm with tickets, at £15, to include tasting and a simple supper.

All profits from the evening will distributed between local Rotary charities.

Tickets for the event are limited – for further information contact Barrie Campbell 01305 250024.

On your marks, get set, go as 10k run launched



LAUNCHING the run

IT was on your marks, get set, run when organisers officially launched the fifth annual Weymouth Bay 10K race.

The launch, which was held at the Riviera Hotel, Bowleaze, was attended by key officials including main sponsors 3D Health and Fitness whose manager Oliver Levell said: "Supporting a running event as a health and fitness company is perfect and it also helps raise the profile of the area."

Race director Mark Caswell said the popular MCC Promotions 10K Run Series will be coming to Weymouth on Sunday, March 19th from 10am.

He added: "Runners will register at the Riviera before setting out on the run which starts at Bowleaze Green and continues on to the Pleasure Pier before finishing at Overcombe Corner.

"The course is scenic and flat, ideal for runners looking for a personal best, and we hope everyone puts their best foot forward in aid of this year's nominated charity which is the Lexi May Trust. They help fund memorable days out for Dorset families who have a child with a terminal or life limiting illness."

Mr Caswell said on-the-day registration will cost £13 which includes a t-shirt and a race medal.

He added: "Our chosen charity, the Lexi May Trust, is a very worthy cause and we hope to raise a lot of money for them. We are expecting around 300 runners to take part and everyone is hoping for fine weather."

Trust spokesman Carly Hopkin said: "We are a new charity and it is a great honour to be selected as the chosen charity for the Weymouth Bay 10K charity fun run.

"There are 400 Dorset children registered with terminal or life limiting illnesses and we want to help them all. To do that we need as much fundraising to help us as possible and the 10K race will be a big help.

"The trust has been set up in memory of our daughter, Lexi, who died in January 2016 from a brain tumour.

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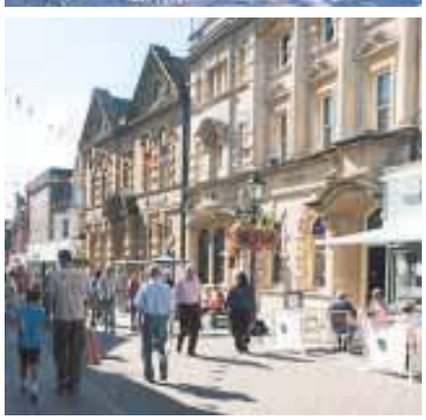
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Blooming tea party

LOCAL volunteers for the Marie Curie cancer charity are to stage a 'Blooming Great Tea Party' on Sunday June 25th at Minterne House.

It will include Paul Atterbury and experts from Dukes valuing antiques, a Pimms bar and a demonstration by the British Longbow Champion.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event, in setting up, on the day and helping with clearing away.

Tasks will also include helping to serve teas and with washing up. Potential volunteer should contact Jan Griffiths on 01305 889738. The Hon. Henry Digby is allowing the charity to have income from the entrance, which is £5 per head.

Greggs moves in

THE Greggs bakery chain has confirmed that it wants to open a new branch in Weymouth during 2017.

It says it will have more information about where and when 'in the near future.'

The announcement has been welcomed by briefholder for economic growth at the borough council, Cllr James Farquharson. The nearest Greggs shop is in Poole.

Stroke Club donation

MEMBERS of the Humphries Kirk solicitors' Business Breakfast Club has donated £100 to the Dorchester Social Stroke Club.

The club meets weekly, on Thursdays, at the Magna community room in Lubbecke Way from 10.30am for two hours.

For more information about the club contact 01305 257464.



■ **ANN Sawtell accepts a £100 cheque from Mayor Richard Kosior watched by Lions second vice-president Roger Hogbin (left) and SWDTN copier Derek Sawtell**

Mayor's boost for talking paper

DELIGHTED members of South West Dorset Talking Newspapers have been given a £100 cheque from the Weymouth and Portland Mayor's Christmas Fund.

The fund is administered by Weymouth and Portland Lions Club and the cheque will go towards buying a new USB copier.

SWDTN chairman Ann Sawtell said: "We are very grateful for the money which will be going towards a very useful purpose.

"Our USB copier is broken, we need a new one and the mayor's cheque will go towards that."

Mayor Councillor Richard Kosior said: "I recently visited SWDTN and heard about how they reach out to help nearly 150 people with sight problems across the area.

"I heard that they found funds hard to come by and I thought they were a deserving cause for a donation from the Mayor's Christmas Fund."

Library events

THE Friends of Weymouth Library have released details of some of their events for March.

On Tuesday, March 7th, there will be a Knit and Natter coffee morning at the library from 11am-noon.

Then on Friday, March 10th, there will be an afternoon talk by gardening correspondent Anna Pavord. The time and admission for this are to be confirmed.

More details of the events are available from the secretary on 01305-832613. The contact number for Knit and Natter is 01305-777476. Booking is advisable.

Free lectures

THREE free lectures are being delivered by advanced drivers at county hall in March – offering tips and advice.

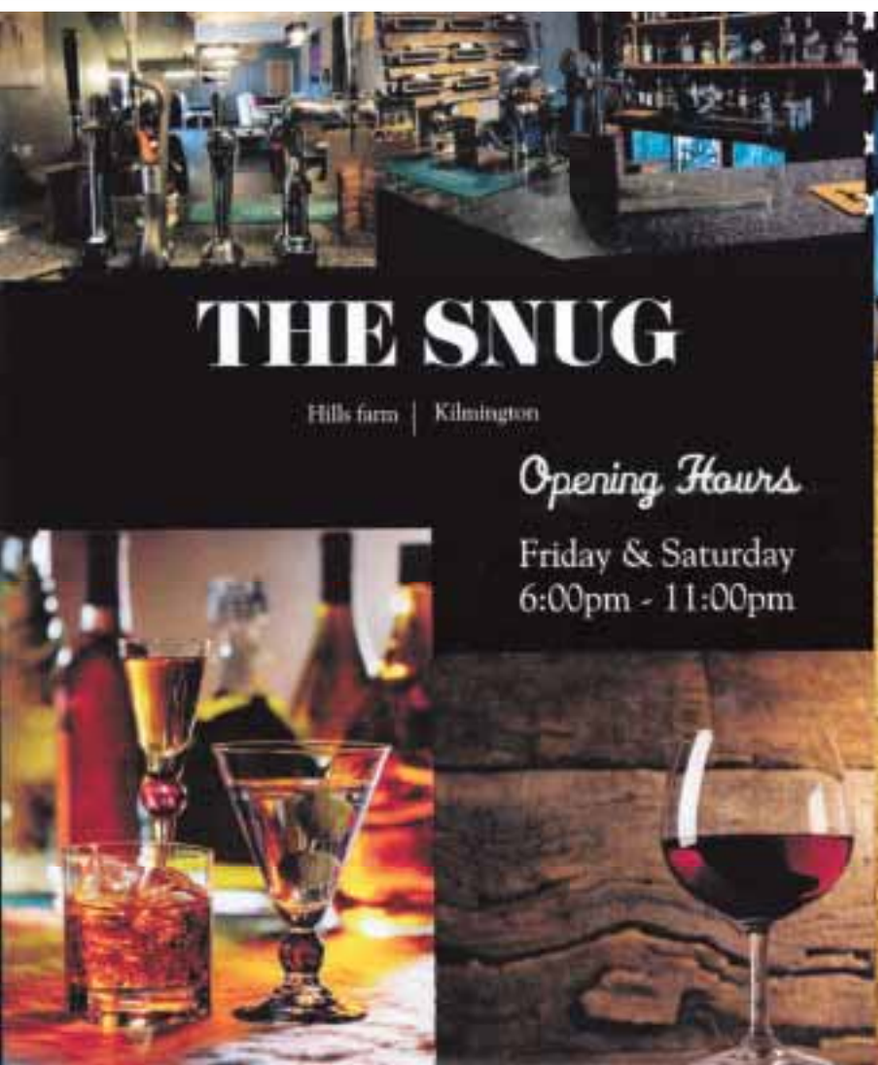
A police driving instructor and an Institute of Advanced Motorists examiner will deliver the free two-hour talks which start at 6.45pm at Committee Room 1 at county hall.

They will take place on Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th March.

It is not imperative to attend all lectures, but people are welcome to attend as many as they can.

Further details from Jane Percy, Group secretary at secretary@dorsetiam.org.uk or telephone 01305 820963.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS NEWS FROM WEST DORSET

BUY NOW, REGRET LATER

by Vicky Shaw, Press Association

THE January sales are over for another year - and while some people may be proudly showing off their new-found bargains, others could be counting the cost of "buyer's regret".

Shoppers typically over-spent £78 on items over the festive period, research from Santander suggests.

Walking to work, cancelling gym subscriptions and spending less on going out are just some of the ways people say they're cutting back.

A fifth (21%) of those surveyed say they will even cut back on festive spending in 2017 as a result of the amount spent over the Christmas just gone.

For some, the temptation to grab a bargain can have much more serious consequences.

Research from the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute, a charity founded by consumer champion Martin Lewis, has highlighted people's difficult relationships with online sales.

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It found nearly two-thirds (63%) of people who have made purchases they later regret do so because of sales. Nearly one in 10 (9%) say they always, or often, regret purchases they make online.

The speed and convenience of online shopping with a simple click of the "buy" button can be hard to resist.

Polly Mackenzie, director of the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute, says increased spending can also be a symptom of a number of mental health problems.

This type of spending isn't driven by people being "greedy", she says, but by their emotions - such as boredom, depression or loneliness.

The Institute found around half (48%) of people living with mental health problems say they make purchases they regret when they're alone. Just over half (52%) do so when they are feeling low and nearly a third (31%) do so while shopping at night.

Many people also struggle to return goods they regret buying, with three-quarters (75%) of people saying they didn't return the last online purchase they regretted.

While returning items may be one way to get your finances back on track, more than a quarter (28%) of those with mental health problems didn't return their last regretted online purchase because they felt too ashamed.

The Money and Mental Health Policy Institute has launched a free, experimental tool to help people control their spending.

The "shopper stopper" allows shoppers to set the opening hours of online stores, enabling them to block access at times they find purchases particularly hard to resist, such as the middle of the night.

Lewis says: "Many people shop to make themselves feel better in periods of depression, to give things to others or feel needed, or to fill the time when they're bored or lonely.

"But the boost it gives is transitory, while the financial pain it can cause lingers on and on."

More details about the shopper stopper tool can be found at www.shopperstopper.co.uk

• And if the goods you've bought in the sales turn out to be faulty, consumer group Which? has an online tool to help at www.which.co.uk/consumer-rights/advice/what-do-i-do-if-i-have-a-faulty-product.

The tool can be used to automatically generate a letter to send to the retailer requesting a refund, replacement or repair, where appropriate.

Vickie Sheriff, director of campaigns and communications at Which? says: "If you've bought or been given a dud, it's vital that you know your rights and act fast if something is not right."

Here are some general tips from ***Which?*** for those who have bought faulty products:

• You have the right to reject and return your item and get a refund within 30 days of purchase.

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This is going to be one of the biggest shake ups of the tax system for a generation. Currently over 11 million tax returns are issued every year with 43% received in the final month before the deadline, this is going to have to change.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

■ SPRING greens and how to deal with flatulence is the subject of this week's Growing Old Disgracefully.

Perhaps the two most important things for elderly people's health are to make sure they drink enough water and that they eat healthily.

Greens are packed with vitamins and roughage – pensioners always like to be "regular" – but there are gaseous biproducts which can unfortunately lead to flatulence.

This often confuses elderly people's neighbours who think they've suddenly taken up learning the trombone because of the powerful wind noises they keep hearing.

The trick is for pensioners to be very casual about the situation and turn it to their advantage, telling their neighbours that they are trialling a new food waste macerator which creates gas for central heating.

The smell won't stop your neighbours trying to keep upwind of you but it will at least provide you with a plausible explanation as to what is happening.

Are all these traffic lights necessary?

IT beggars belief but we are now in yet another period of major roadworks, this time 12 weeks worth of motoring mayhem on Chickerell Road, Weymouth.

The scheme is for a new traffic-light controlled junction near Fiveways to provide a road access for the massive Betterment Properties' housing development at Curtis Fields.

Only Dorset Highways feel happy with the new traffic lights being built just yards from the existing five-road Fiveways traffic light junction which is just a few yards from the Lanehouse traffic light junction which is just a few yards from the Granby traffic light junction! That means work for the new junction will eventually create four sets of traffic lights within a few hundred yards on a strip of road which is the main western route into and out of Weymouth.

If you say it quickly it is not too bad, but late spring and early summer promises a nightmare of delays not least since the likes of the Granby Industrial Estate, the Land Registry and Budmouth College with more than 1,500 pupils are all on the route.

And it gets much worse because everything I have mentioned does NOT include any of the traffic which will be generated by the Curtis Fields development itself. Those vehicles will use Chickerell Road to get to town, Chickerell Road to go west along the coast and Chickerell Road to access Radipole Lane so drivers can try and head north to Dorchester or east towards Bournemouth.

There is an old saying that those who act in haste can repent at leisure, but it strikes me that the repenting is being dumped on the doorstep of residents such as myself who live close to this queue of traffic lights. Such residents are already being made to suffer because drivers frustrated at the disruption caused by the junction work are seeking "rat run" escapes round it to try and speed up their journeys.

I actually live in one of those streets and the difference the junction scheme has made is quite serious with far more vehicles zipping up and down our road with the obvious increase in risk to child and pedestrian safety since schoolchildren flock past our door to get to and from school.

The fear for the future is that motorists who train themselves to use our road for 12 long weeks may just carry on using it once the junction is complete.

And Dorset Highways have even managed to make a joke out of the situation since they have publicly claimed that the new junction will have a "minimal effect" on Chickerell Road traffic flows.

Even their words admit the junction will have some effect but "minimal" probably seems fair enough from their point of view since they don't have to live in the area.

Those of us who do live in the area are going to find it far worse to negotiate than it is at the moment, but I doubt that will worry the Highways hierarchy too much.....who, if my memory serves me correct, work in Dorchester!

Spending pennies on former toilets

Someone has met the asking price for former public toilets at the top of Bond Street which were being sold off with a four-bedroom apartment above for around £250,000. Now that's a lot of spent pennies.

Much more interestingly, this column has previously disclosed that the toilet section actually used to be part of a bank. Stuckey's Bank was built at the top of Bond Street in 1883 and it remained a bank for many years, the site only becoming public toilets in the 1950s.

The council has found its finances almost reduced to the level of selling matches on street corners, so it is getting rid of some of its properties to realise a bit of cash.

Naturally there is concern that folk won't get caught short and that the toilets are replaced with something suitable to match public needs. The Bond Street toilets were nothing special – they were actually in what used to be the bank vault – and the council has assured its public that something more appropriate will be in place for the start of the tourist season.

Sadly, as is so often the case with the council, they haven't specified which particular tourist season they had in mind!

Colourful fundraising



■ LAST year's Colour Run

THE Weldmar Colour Run, one of Weymouth's biggest fundraising events, is returning in May this year - and will be followed the next day by a new event, the Weldmar Bubble Rush.

Between them, these events are expected to bring together more than 4,000 supporters to Lodmoor Country Park.

Weldmar's third Colour Run will be held on Saturday, May 6th with 2,000 people running through a number of colour stations over a 4km course, being covered in brightly coloured powder paint as they pass through.

The next day there will be a brand new event to Dorset, when Weldmar introduces the Bubble Rush on Sunday 7th. In this event, participants will pass through various bubble stations as they run their way through a corridor of brightly coloured foam.

The Bubble Rush also has the capacity for 2,000 participants and organisers believe both events are going to sell out. Both events are being sponsored and supported by Meyers Estate Agents.

Matt Smith, Weldmar's Event Manager said: "The response to both events has already been fantastic. Our first wave for the Bubble Rush is now full - so we are now accepting registrations for the next wave at 12.15pm. The Colour Run is now a staple event in Weymouth and we are incredibly pleased to be offered this again in 2017. We are also still accepting registrations for this and, if people book quickly, they can run at a discounted rate for a limited time only."

As well as the main events, Weldmar will be providing a weekend of family fun at Lodmoor Country Park. There will be live music throughout the two days, along with Dorset food and drink on sale, and fun for children of all ages.

Mr Smith added: "The response to both of these events is already fantastic and we advise that people register early to avoid missing out. The Colour Run has sold out each year we have held it and we believe that this year will be no different."

All the money raised from the 2017 Colour Run and Bubble Rush will go towards funding the continuation of the care and support that Weldmar provides to patients and their loved ones throughout Dorset.

Weldmar needs to raise £10,240 every single day of the year to provide its care for free to patients and their families.

So far Weldmar's Colour Runs have raised more than £160,000 in the past two years.

For more information or to register for the Colour Run or Bubble Rush visit www.weld-hospice.org.uk/register

Have your say on Local Plan review

A SERIES of public meetings are being held across West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland as a review of the Local Plan gets underway.

The lan sets out where and how many local homes and businesses are needed for the area.

It also looks at how the environment can be protected and how future developments can be made more sustainable.

Both West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland councils are reviewing the Local Plan and would like to know what residents across the area think about the proposals, or to make proposals of their own.

Drop-in sessions which will be attended by planning officers are being held across the region from next week until March.

The first of the local sessions is being held at the Redlands Sports Centre, Weymouth on Tuesday, February 21st from 10am to 7pm.

Others follow at St George's Centre, Portland on Thursday 23rd also from 10am to 7pm; Charminster Village Hall on Friday 24th at the same times; the district council offices at South Walks House, Dorchester on Monday 27th; Beaminster Town Hall on Tuesday 28th; Woodmead Hall, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 1st; Bridport Leisure Centre on Thursday 2nd; Crossways Village Hall on Tuesday 7th and at the Willowbed Hall, Chickerell on Thursday, March 9th, which will only be open until 5.30pm. All the other sessions run from 10am until 7pm.

The consultation runs until Monday, April 3rd.

Copies of the Local Plan Review Issues and Options will be available at council offices and at local libraries.

Cancer Appeal benefits from legacy

A LEGACY donation has added £100,000 to the Dorset County Hospital cancer appeal.

The money comes from the late Lawrence Werth.

It brings the hospital's cancer appeal to £960,000 – over the half-way mark.

Mr Werth, a Dorchester resident, had no relatives in the UK when he died and left his inheritance in a trust fund for cancer charities.

He died last year, aged 57, as a result of skin cancer.

The new cancer unit, once completed, will mean cancer patients from the area will no longer have to travel to Poole for radiotherapy.

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Beat the blues with an immune boosting routine, yoga, massage, fresh air!



AT THE Garden Studios in Bridport Paul and Julia are offering a range of activities to guide you into a healthy spring! Ongoing neck and shoulder tensions are often a by- product of winter ailments and stresses, sometimes causing headaches and other physical ailments whilst emotional stresses often cause these physical problems! It's a roundabout to get off.

Hatha yoga and meditation is accessible to everyone, gentle stretching, focus on breathing techniques and relaxation will encourage a healthier approach to day to day life, and will start to release long term tension. Work on computers and driving are 2 of the main reasons for upper body tension. Gentle moving stretches assists our overall well-being and the more you are able to move, the more you want to! Guided relaxation and meditation together with simple breathing methods start to provide tools to keep mind and body in a more comfortable state, improving our immune system and defences against infection. Paul offers yoga classes, 2mornings, 2 afternoons and 2 evenings throughout the week, classes are drop-in although most find a favourite, with small groups of 8 and individual attention.

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For those with poles there is also a social walk in the Allington Hill area, meeting at 10am too. Nordic walking uses poles and provides a full body workout with minimum stress, working with shoulders upper body and arms while using up more calories with less effort, it's a win win! Contact Paul and Julia on 01308 538112 / 07734511287 info@gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk www.gardenstudiosbridport

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Women's health issues top internet searches

by Abi Jackson, Press Association

OF all the health queries we chuck at Dr Google, women's health issues top the list.

In fact, things relating just to women are Googled more often in the UK than very common ailments like coughs, colds and rashes (endometriosis - a condition, believed to affect one in 10 women, where endometrial tissue, the inner womb lining, also grows outside the womb, is among the most-searched health term, with around 90,500 searches a month).

It's something leading UK gynaecologist Dr Karen Morton, and her team at the Dr Morton's medical helpline, is hoping to address.

One of a handful of private digital GP practices that have cropped up over the last couple of years, offering people the chance to gain quick, convenient access to doctors via phone or email consultations (some services even do video link-ups, though Dr Morton's doesn't currently), she says it was "always my intention" the helpline would eventually "have an emphasis on women's health".

"We wanted to get the general practice service sorted first, and then really claim the women's health space, because I'm passionate about empowering women to get on with their lives," explains Dr Morton, who has 25 years' experience working across both the NHS and private sector.

MEETING DEMAND: The growth of online private services may not only play a role in helping relieve the burden on the NHS, and offer greater convenience to people who'd rather pay for an appointment if it means they don't have to wait for weeks and clear space in their diary to get there - but in terms of women's health, the benefits might go even further.

The Google stats, Dr Morton points out, are evidence that lots of women have unanswered questions about their health. While they're significantly more likely to go and see their GP than men (70% of all GP appointments are for women), females are also famous 'putter-uppers', and often don't want to make a fuss.

And gynaecology is a field where there are many things that while not medically serious, can have a tremendous impact on somebody's life (menopause symptoms, problematic periods...), and can cause immense worry if somebody doesn't really understand what's going on, especially, for example, if women are concerned about their future fertility, or cancer.

GOOD TO TALK: An obvious criticism of paid-for internet GP services is that talking to a patient over the phone can never fully match seeing them in the flesh. As well as physical examinations being impossible, somebody's physical appearance or mood, for instance, might reveal potentially relevant insights. Dr Morton is well aware of this fact, but is confident the benefits outweigh any cons.

Of the 13 or so patients she saw in her gynae clinic this morning, for example, at least a few of them had problems they'd been "fobbed off" with by their GP.

"I'm not knocking GPs, the GP brief is far too big, [but] they

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can't possibly be experts in specialist fields and gynaecology, in some regards, is a specialist field," she says. "Some things GPs are dealing with a lot, but one lady, for example, had had painful sex, and she'd been fobbed off with lubricants and creams and this, that and the other, or was it all in her head, and no it wasn't - she's got a physical vaginal split, which I can easily remedy for her and her life will be transformed.

"Of course, I can't do the operation over the phone, but I can advise her really clearly on what to do next."

EMPOWERING WOMEN: In many ways, this is the crux of what Dr Morton's helpline is offering women - knowing they're paying for an expert's time, and they can ask all their questions and raise all of their concerns (there's no time limit on phone calls - they last as long as the customers need).

Something like urinary incontinence - which affects a significant number of women to varying degrees - might be a good example. "A lot of people feel they're wasting GPs' time, because they leak urine when they cough, sneeze and jump, and they think, 'Is this bad enough for me to go and speak to my GP about, because they're so busy?' And that's a tragedy, really, because we only get one life," says Dr Morton.

"And there are lots of things with women where confidence becomes zapped because of leakage or something like that, or because they're having such dreadful hot flushes in the workplace, and so their confidence deteriorates."

Where physical examinations, or scans and tests, are deemed necessary, referrals can be issued for customers with health insurance, and for those without, Dr Morton explains they will write a letter for the person to take to their GP, so they can request an NHS referral.

"Hopefully we will have empowered them [to go and have that conversation with their GP]," says Dr Morton.

"Empowerment is a really big word in our service," she adds. "It means a great deal to get a bit of reassurance from an expert viewpoint, just to help people really understand their health, what questions to ask next and what their options are."

And for those who feel they just have to "put up" with something, there might be surprisingly simple - but life-changing - solutions, if only somebody had the chance to properly talk it through. Even when there really isn't much that can be done, just "understanding it more" could bring psychological relief.

"Knowledge," says Dr Morton, "is power".

•Dr Morton's gynaecologists are available between 7pm-11pm Monday to Friday, and 11am-3pm on weekends. Phone consultations, £50; email consultations, £25. For more information, visit www.drmortons.co.uk.



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BESTIVAL, based on the Isle of Wight for the past decade, has been given the green light for a move to its new home at the Lulworth Castle estate – the home of sister festival Camp Bestival.

It's a brand-new era, so prepare for the truly immersive experience of Bestival 2017. Announcing four incredible headliners and a huge bill of amazing music, we are entering a new chapter of light and sound, exploring the wonders of Colour on our mission to increase the peace this September 7th – 10th at the Lulworth Estate, Dorset.

Rob da Bank says: "Well what an adventure this promises to be… we have a beautiful new home with a massive castle in the middle of it, acres of beautiful woodland and forest, a sea view and the dramatic Jurassic coastline. Going back to our roots with Josie da Bank's hand-drawn artwork, reviving all our favourite stages from 14 years of Bestival history and going out with all our headliners for the first time ever together, we're pretty excited at Bestival HQ. From pop to grime, hip-hop to techno, folk to classical and every style in between we are reclaiming our place as the funnest, most adventurous, musically savvy and downright magical festival on the map. Please come along for the ride. and remember Increase the Peace".



Pet Shop Boys

The xx will be the first ever Castle Stage headliners at Bestival! Never anything less than breath-taking, there may not be a more fitting band to get the main stage action underway in our new home.

Commenting on their headline performance, The xx said: "Bestival was one of the first festivals we played, back in 2010, and it had always been a dream for us…we even begged to play the previous year. In 2012 we returned to play the main stage and we're so happy to say we'll be headlining this year, at the new site in Dorset. The Isle of Wight will hold a special place in our hearts but we're excited to bring our new show to their new home".

Guaranteed to be momentous, hip-hop heroes A Tribe Called Quest will headline Saturday at Bestival 2017, performing what will be their last UK Show.

Bringing the debut mainland Bestival to a suitably triumphant close, organisers are completely over the moon to announce synth-pop geniuses Pet Shop Boys as Sunday night headliners. Quite simply legends, we think they're the perfect band to bring some mind-blowing colour to our first Lulworth Estate finale!

Commenting on their headline show, Pet Shop Boys said: "Amazingly it is over ten years since we last played Bestival but we remember it being one of the most enjoyable festivals ever. Looking forward to bringing our new show there this year – and seeing how the audience has decided to dress up!"

And completing 2017's fantastic foursome of first-time headliners organisers are delighted to announce Wimbledon's finest, Jamie T will be the man kicking it all off with an exclusive performance topping the Thursday night bill on second stage, The Box.

There'll also be mind-blowing live music from super suave Gallic funksters Justice, plus, Dizzee Rascal, DJ Shadow, Little Dragon, Danny Brown, Rag'n'Bone Man, Laura Mvula, Soul II Soul, MNEK, Circa Waves, Ray BLK, Lucy Rose, and Charlotte Church's Late Night Pop Dungeon among many, many others.

And there will be DJ sets from Annie Mac, Andy C presents 25 Years of RAM, Kurupt FM, David Rodigan presents RAM JAM, DJ Yoda, Maceo Plex, Jackmaster, Kölsch, Dusky, Toddla T presents Carnival, Artwork presents Art's House, Sink the Pink and loads more to boot. Check the line-up so far listing at the end of this press release for even more names playing across the weekend.

Redrawing the favourite party in the spirit of its original pioneering vision, Bestival's creative essence will explode before your very eyes with a cavalcade of brilliant new stages, incredible destinations and stone cold classics, including our brand new main stage The Castle Stage, the eclectic wonders of The Box, the hands in the air nirvana of Temple, Bestival's heart and soul, Bollywood, and the righteous vibrations of Reggae Roots.

Back by very popular demand HMS Bestival is the last word in off the hook partying, plus you can dance like there's no tomorrow in new venues The Frozen Mole and Stacey's, delve into the vintage madness of Caravanserai, and Club DaDa, and kick back in the enchanting Ambient Forest, and at our steam punk vision, Oberon's Observatory.

Bestival 2017 is a whole new world to explore and to keep you on your toes we'll also have the dazzling delights of The World's Biggest Confetti Canon, Castle Fireworks Finale, the Love-Bot, The World's Biggest Bouncy Castle, Bestival Inflatable Church, Confetti Wedding Disco, The Feast Collective, Slow Motion, Revolution Rides, Carnival Day Parade and Night Parades, the Sugar Skulls Cocktail Bus, Sunday Best Cardboard Record Shop, Lost in the Woods, Ancient Woodlands, Free Haircuts, Campsite Recycling Hubs, Kids' Field and for all you vexillophiles out there, Flags by Angus Watt.

Celebrating the move to our new home at the Lulworth Estate, we are offering a couple of special one-off ticket deals. For the next 48-hours only (that's from 7.30am Thursday 9th February to 7am Saturday 11th February) you can grab your Bestival weekend ticket for £150 (plus booking fee), or £190 (plus booking fee) if you want to throw in coach travel from Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, London, Newport (IOW), Oxford, Portsmouth, Reading, Ryde or Southampton. These deals are only available from Ticketline so, what are you waiting for? Grab your ticket now!



The XX

The Venues & The Gigs

To advertise your live music call Rob Coombe on 01297 446146 or email rob.coombe@viewnews.co.uk

Saturday 18 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Bad Intention 9.30pm

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Truthseekers 9pm

Saturday 18 Feb
Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm onwards, free entry.

Sunday 19 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Avid Bowie 4pm

Saturday 25 Feb
Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Adam Sweet 9pm

Crown Inn, Bridport
Crimson on Silver 9.30pm

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm onwards, free entry.

Sunday 26 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Andy Grant Trio 4pm

Saturday 4 March
Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Blue Deal 9pm

Crown Inn, Bridport
The Perfect Strangers 9.30pm

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm onwards, free entry.

Sunday 5 March
Crown Inn, Bridport
Jamming at the Crown 4pm

The Nag's Head
Silver St, Lyme Regis
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS
Saturday 18th February
TRUTHSEEKERS
Saturday 25th February
ADAM SWEET
Saturday 4th March
BLUE DEAL
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WEST BAY ROAD, BRIDPORT
Saturday 18th February, 9.30pm
BAD INTENTION
Sunday 19th February, 4pm
AVID BOWIE
Saturday 25th February, 9.30pm
CRIMSON ON SILVER
www.lemonrock.com/crowninn
Tel 01308 422037

Pantomime Society set sail

LYME REGIS PANTOMIME SOCIETY sets sail on a swashbuckling adventure this week, as they bring their 2017 Pantomime 'Robinson Crusoe' to the Marine Theatre.

The story follows the adventures of Robinson as he sets of on a journey to find his fortune and win the hand of his sweetheart, battling pirates and ferocious storms along the way.

Featuring an array of local talent, this show is looking like being one of their best yet. With traditional characters such as the lovable village idiot, Panto Dame, thigh-slapping hero, and villainous baddy to name a few, an energetic chorus, comedy, music, dance and vibrant scenes, this is sure to be a great show for all ages.

Robinson Crusoe opens TONIGHT, Wednesday, February 15th, at 7.30pm and will be staged nightly until Saturday 18th, with a matinee Saturday afternoon at 2.30pm

Tickets are available on the door or from Martin Diplock's 01297 33286, priced £10 adults, £5 children, and £9 senior citizens Wednesday to Friday.

Availability is limited so ring and reserve yours to avoid disappointment.

The Poetry of Plays

IN THE first joint fundraiser between Dorchester Arts and Dorchester Community Plays Association (DCPA) playwrights Stephanie Dale and David Edgar will demonstrate how drama shares many of the elements and structures of poetry.

Illustrating the evening, local actors will read from classical, contemporary and community plays. David and Stephanie will show how these plays use similar techniques to poetry to communicate meaning, such as drawing unexpected connections between different elements. The evening will be followed by a Q&A session with the authors and actors.

Rowan Seymour of DCPA commented that "this is the first joint fundraiser between Dorchester Arts and the DCPA and we are very excited at the prospect of hearing some of this country's leading playwrights talking about the approaches used to write great plays."



Stephanie Dale writes for stage, radio and large-scale theatre and is currently writing Spinning the Moon, the seventh Dorchester Community Play. She has also written numerous Afternoon Dramas for BBC Radio Four.

David Edgar is one of Britain's leading playwrights who has written extensively for The National Theatre, The Royal Shakespeare Theatre and many others. His best-known work includes a multi-award winning adaptation of Charles Dickens's Nicholas Nickleby.

The Poetry of Plays comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 17th at 8pm.

Tickets are £10 and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

Brit-Award winner Beverley Craven to perform in Dorchester

BRIT-Award winner Beverley Craven is back on the road performing a handful of select venues in 2017 as she continues to promote her acclaimed latest album 'Change of Heart'.

Beverley is looking forward to performing her new songs live alongside timeless classics Promise Me, Holding On, Woman To Woman, Love Scenes and many more.

With a witty narrative and unforgettable melodies, her poignant sentiments will leave you with a warm glow of nostalgia, or maybe even the odd tear.

Beverley Craven performs at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Sunday, March 11th. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music from 8pm.

Tickets are £22.50 or £20.50 for members and concessions.

For more details or to book call 01305 266926 or visit the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk





Comedy, Cabaret, Chaos

Slightly Fat Features return to Lyme Regis with Variety by the Sea

THE EVER-POPULAR Variety by the Sea returns to Lyme Regis this February.

An extraordinary array of acts will appear on the stage at The Marine Theatre. You name it they have it in the show. Hilarious comedy acts, staggering stunts, original live music and controlled mayhem to dazzle and delight.

The producer and host, Goronwy Thom says "this will be our fifth show at the theatre and when I started the shows here I didn't know the appetite for cabaret would be so huge. We sold very well the first time and ever since! We have had a loyal audience of all ages and they have witnessed some amazing nights of cabaret. So come and see what it's all about"

The stars of the show are multi-award winning comedy troupe Slightly Fat Features, who have toured the World including regularly in Londons West End, at the Edinburgh Festival, Just For Laughs Montreal and they are also appearing this year on Sunday night at the London Palladium in June.

They are bringing variety into the 21st century, so don't miss this one chance in 2017 to see them in Lyme up close and personal.

So come in from out of the winter cold and get warm with laughter and applause.

Variety by the Sea comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Thursday, February 23rd at 7.30pm. Tickets are £13 and £11, available by calling 01297 442138 or by calling www.marinetheatre.com

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what's on this week...



Lyme Regis Panto Society presents
ROBINSON CRUSOE
Wednesday 15th February
-Saturday 18th February
7.30pm (2.30pm matinee on Saturday)
Tickets available from
Martin Diplock Estate Agents,
Broad Street

coming soon...

STORYTELLING IN THE BAR
with RON BAKER
WEDS 22nd FEBRUARY
Full Price: £9 Concessions: £7
Tickets on the door only





SLIGHTLY FAT FEATURES VARIETY
THU 23RD FEB, 7.30pm
Full Price: £13 Concs.: £11
Comedy cabaret fun for all ages

CHEKOV SHORTS
SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 7.00pm
Full Price: £15
Concessions: £14
Classic theatre farces by Anton Chekov



Box Office: Lyme Regis TIC 01297 442138
or buy online at www.marinetheatre.com
Please note that a 10% booking fee applies to all online and TIC bookings

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime



ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Local talents come good on the big stage

I GET to see lots of local theatre and I'm often blown away by the wealth of talent in the area.

We have a number of former professionals, who now grace the amateur stages around here, bringing a fantastic quality to our community shows, including the fabulous Amy Wheatley, who starred in Bridport Pantomime Players' *Red Riding Hood* just a couple of weeks ago and the fabulous Nicola Kathrens, who wowed audiences with her performance in Lyme's *Tempest* last summer.

There are also a few who I believe are good enough to cut it in the professional world including the indomitable Tracey Wakeling who will soon be appearing in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at the Marine Theatre, Exmouth's Lance Vernon, who has got to be one of the best leading men in the area and Kelly Apps, whose portrayal of Eva Peron in Lyme Regis Musical Theatre's *Evita* has become the stuff of local legend.

Some do make the leap to the professional stage and it's always fantastic when my two worlds collide and I'm able to see friends in big shows in London and further afield.

Bridport's tap dancing sensation, Harry Poole is currently training at the Stella Mann College in London, former Woodroffe student, Celia Cruwys-Finnigan is touring the UK in the fantastic jukebox musical *Buddy*, and Perry Meadowcroft from Exmouth is set to make his West End debut in the Spring.

Alec Porter from North Bowood, was critically acclaimed last summer for his role in the musical *Crime and Punishment - A Rock Musical*, with music by Toyah Wilcox and after breaking both his ankles, is looking forward to getting back to the stage. Robbie Waugh from Axminster is working for Celebrity Cruises and travelling around the Caribbean performing popular musicals to lucky guests onboard ship.



■ HERE'S A SCOOP: Toyah Wilcox and Alec Porter at *The Scoop* open air theatre in London



■ WITH HER BUDDIES: Celia-Cruwys-Finnigan (right) with the cast of *Buddy*

And then there's Lyme Regis' Luke Street, who after performing in the highly acclaimed West End production of *Gypsy* with Imelda Staunton is now set to take the lead himself in the international tour of a smash hit musical.

I'm not allowed to reveal which one quite yet, so keep your eyes peeled for details.

I've been lucky enough to perform with many of these excellent young actors and I'm afraid they may have learned some unsavoury habits from me, as I'm notoriously badly behaved backstage.

I'd like to think I could always see their potential, but also the drive it takes to make it on the professional stage. The appetite for success is a big part of the business, as even the most well known actors will spend much of their careers out of work.

I've interviewed lots of stars and many of them talk frankly about the lack of work. I asked Maureen Lipman last year about what had enticed her back to pantomime at Christmas and she told me it was the guaranteed work and money that had ultimately made up her mind.

I also once asked Ruthie Henshall if she had any tips for youngsters starting out in the business and her reply was, "You've got to love it. You'll spend a lot of time out of work and you will spend a lot of time doubting yourself, because part of our job is rejection."

"You've got to eat, sleep, breath it and love it, because otherwise you won't last long."

It's a tough business, but one of the greatest jobs in the world and amateur theatre can act as a good grounding for those who would like to take up the profession.

For us mere mortals we have to be happy with just the joy of performing and it is such a joy. There's nothing quite like putting on a ridiculous costume and pretending to be someone else for a couple of hours.

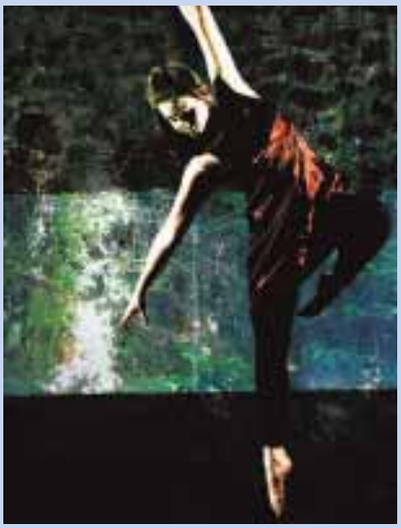
There are an abundance of groups to choose from in the area and if you would like to have a go, most of them have their own websites and social media accounts, so are easy to find.

I've just arrived in Australia for a few days, so I'm off to see *Aladdin* at the Capital Theatre in Sydney next week as well as a highly acclaimed production of the *Testament of Mary* by Sydney Theatre Company.

I'll probably have a little mooch around the Opera House while I'm here too!



Dancing Dreams



'DREAMS' is a collaborative production by Nikki Northover with additional choreography by Aimee Symes, Rebecca Whaley, Luke Robson and Matt Flint. Contemporary and tap dance will feature together with stunning music by local composers Matt Benjamin, Jack Harrison and Andrew Dickson.

Bridport Youth Dance and Bridport Boys Dance present 'Dreams' on Friday, March 3rd at 7.30pm, and Saturday, March 4th at 3pm and 7.30pm at Bridport's Electric Palace.

Tickets are £12.50 in advance for adults and £13 on the door, and £8.50 advance or £9 door students and children (inc. booking fee).

Tickets available from Bridport TIC Tel: 01308 424901 or The Electric Palace Tel: 01308 428354 or online via the website at www.bridportelectricpalce.org.uk/theatre

Dreams is supported by West Dorset District Council, Bridport Town Council, The Rex Trevett Appeal Fund and Bridport Lions Club.

Bridport Folk Festival Fundraiser

An evening of folk music at it's very best with Ninebarrow

HIGH-RISING and wonderfully talented duo Ninebarrow, twice BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Finalists, will grace the stage at the Town Hall, Bridport on Friday, February 24th.

Folk guru Mike Harding described them in his inimitable way as "Damn Fine!" The Concert is to raise funds for the Bridport Folk Festival to be held in August 11th to 13th in aid of the RNLI.

Ninebarrow will be supported by Bridport's own highly regarded Folk Band 'Acoustic Rooster'.

Tickets are £12 on the door, or £10 in advance from Bridport TIC or Bridport Music. South Street.

For more details email folkbridport2017@gmail.com



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Theatre and Cake?

ARE YOU a fan of quirky theatre or cake? Bridport Arts Centre is staging a theatre piece that explores advertising, brand identity and consumer choice, inspired by David Foster Wallace's short story Mister Squishy.

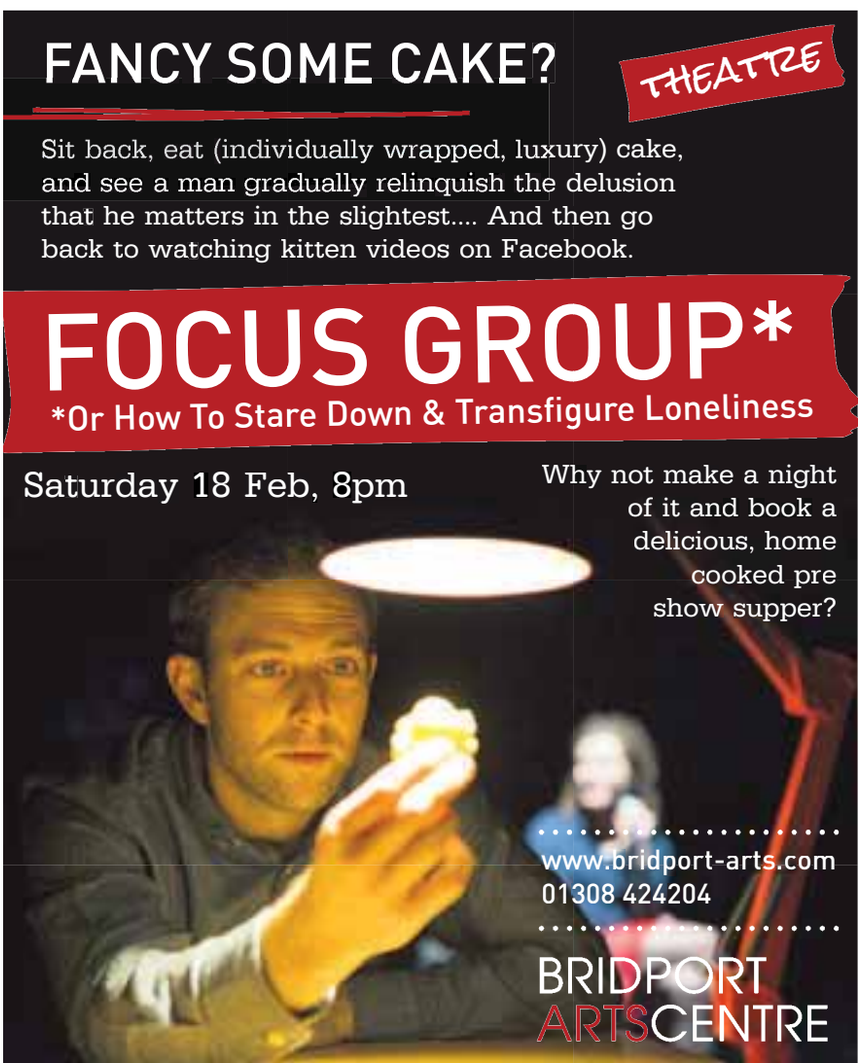
The show is an absurd comedy with a dark heart, it looks at the absurdity of life and consumer culture with humanity and humour. It is dark, unsettling and playful portrait of an ordinary man caught up in the modern world.

TOOT have a distinctive style of interactive performance, that provokes audiences to consider whether a real connection is possible a the click of a button.

They invite you to sit back, eat (individually wrapped, luxury) cake, and see a man gradually relinquish the delusion that he matters in the slightest.... And then go back to watching kitten videos on Facebook.

Bridport Arts Centre's Programme Manager, Gemma Aldred said "For people not familiar with the Mr Squishy books, expect a dark and absurd exploration of modern life, loneliness and market research! You really don't want to miss out on this show … Oh and there's cake!"

Focus Group will be performed at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, February 18th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 or £10, available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com



This week's new cinema

HIDDEN FIGURES PG
THE STORY of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program.
Stars Taraji P Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe.

JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 2 15
AFTER returning to the criminal underworld to repay a debt, John Wick discovers that a large bounty has been put on his life.
Stars Keanu Reeves, Riccardo Scamarcio and Ian McShane.

THE GREAT WALL 12A
EUROPEAN mercenaries searching for black powder become embroiled in the defense of the Great Wall of China against a horde of monstrous creatures.
Stars Matt Damon, Tian Jing and Pedro Pascal.

THE FOUNDER 12A
THE story of Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' innovative fast food eatery, McDonald's, into one of the biggest restaurant businesses in the world with a combination of ambition, persistence, and ruthlessness.
Stars Michael Keaton, Nick Offerman and John Carroll Lynch.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Feb 24th - Thu, Mar 2nd
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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www.plazadorchester.com

Fifty Shades Darker 18
Daily: 13.45, 17.45, 20.15

Hidden Figures PG
Daily: 16.45, 19.45

John Wick: Chapter 2 12A
Daily: 14.00, 20.00

Moana: Sing-A-Long 2D PG
Daily: 11.00am

Sing 2D U
Fri-Wed: 11.45, 14.45
Thu: 11.45am

The Great Wall 12A
Daily: 20.45

The Lego Batman Movie U
Daily: Fri-Tue, Thu: 11.15, 14.15, 17.15
Wed: 14.45, 17.15

The Space Between Us PG
Fri-Tue: 11.00, 17.00
Wed, Thu: 17.00

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Fifty Shades Darker 18
Fri, Sat: 18.15, 20.30, 21.15
Sun, Mon, Wed: 15.10, 18.15, 20.30, 21.15
Tue, Thu: 12.45, 18.15, 20.30, 21.15

John Wick: Chapter Two 15
Daily: 21.00

La La Land 12A
Mon: 12.15

Moana PG
Fri, Sat, Sun: 10.00am

Sing 2D U
Fri-Sun: 10.50, 13.20, 15.50
Mon-Thu: 15.50

The Great Wall 12A
Fri-Sun: 12.45, 18.30
Mon, Wed: 18.30
Tue, Thu: 10.45, 18.30

The Lego Batman Movie U
Fri-Sun: 10.30, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00
Mon-Thu: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

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Ballerina U
Fri-Sun: 10.00am

Fifty Shades Darker 18
Fri, Sat, Mon, Wed: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 19.00, 20.00, 20.45
Sun: 12.10, 14.50, 18.00, 19.00, 20.00, 20.45
Tue: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 20.00, 20.45
Thu: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 20.45

Hidden Figures PG
Fri-Sun 11.40, 14.30, 17.20, 20.15
Mon-Thu: 14.30, 17.20, 20.15

John Wick: Chapter 2 15
Fri-Sun: 11.30, 14.20, 18.10, 21.00
Mon-Thu: 12.30, 15.20, 18.10, 21.00

La La Land 12A
Fri-Sun: 19.50, Mon, Wed, Thu: 13.30, 19.50, Tue: 13.00, 19.50

Lion PG
Fri-Sun: 19.30, Mon-Thu: 14.30, 19.30

Rings 15 Mon-Thu: 12.00

Sing 2D U
Fri-Sun: 11.40, 13.00, 14.10, 15.30, 16.50
Mon, Wed: 12.00, 14.10, 16.50
Tue: 12.00, 14.10, 16.00
Thu: 12.00, 14.10, 16.50

T2: Trainspotting 18
Fri-Mon, Wed: 17.10, Tue: 20.20
ThuL 20.00

The Founder 12A
Fri-Sat: 15.10, 17.50, 20.30
Sun: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00
Mon-Thu: 12.20, 15.10, 17.50, 20.30

The Great Wall 2D 12A
Fri-Sun: 11.10, 16.10, 18.30, 20.50
Mon-Thu: 16.10, 18.30, 20.50

The Great Wall 3D 12A
Fri-Thu: 13.40

The Lego Batman Movie 2D U
Fri-Sun: 11.20, 12.20, 14.00, 15.00, 16.30, 17.30
Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.30, 15.00, 16.30, 17.30
Tue: 12.30, 15.00, 17.10

The Space Between Us PG
Fri: 10.15am, Sat: 12.20

Trolls U Fri-Sun: 10.10am

It's a positive start for new antiques fair

CHOOSING Axminster Guildhall proved to be a good decision for Meadow Fairs.

Having previously staged antiques, collectables and decorative fairs outside of Devon, the company decided to try Axminster.

The first fair was held on Saturday, January 28th and organiser Nigel Hole said he was very pleased. He had 24 stall holders and up to 300 visitors.

Mr Hole said: "We know the hall in Axminster, so thought we'd give it a go.

"We are very pleased. The number of visitors was more than expected, it being the first one and the roadworks."

At the time of the fair, West Street was one-way and Mr Hole said: "Some got confused by the roadworks, but they got there in the end.

"We are already getting bookings, not only for March but for May and October too.

"We are looking forward to the next one when we hope to redesign it, and possibly use the stage as well, to get more stalls in."

The fair will return on March 4th, May 20th and October 7th.



NIGEL Hole and trader Paul Hallett in Axminster Guildhall

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UNTIL SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

Buckland Newton: Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

UNTIL WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST

Lyme Regis: Lyme Regis's Town Mill is proud to host its second Printmakers Open. This unique exhibition will showcase over 50 of the best West Country printmakers and feature work made using the full range of different print techniques (etching, silkscreen, linocut, monoprint). Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU
Lyme Regis: Coastline is a 2D and 3D art exhibition by over 20 Dorset and Devon artists who are responding to the iconic Jurassic Coast, its people and local history, its geology and palaeontology, its colours, shapes and rhythms. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

Eype, near Bridport: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

Bridport: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Emily Morris on 'The Donkey Sanctuary'.
Portland: Open Day at The Islanders Club for Young People, East Weare Road, Verne Common, Portland DT5 1ES from 11 to 2pm. All are welcome to come and see what's on offer, both for young people and for the wider community. All facilities, including activity room, sports hall, meeting room, tv lounge and kitchen will be open for inspection and are available for hire. The club is also looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out come and have a look.
Dorchester: A talk will be given by Oliver Smart on "The Science and Beauty of Birds" . At St George's Church Hall, Fordington at 7.45pm. A fascinating talk on the adaptation,evolution and physiology of birds and the rewards of bird photography.Admission £3-00 members, £3-50 visitors to include coffee and biscuits.All welcome.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

Martinstown: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
West Bay, Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
Lyme Regis: Lyme Bay Photographic Club talk. Speaker Simon Emmett, local photographer. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.
Askerswell: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth: Stephen Fearing in concert at Mission Hall, 8pm. Tickets £13 available by calling 01305 837299.
South Perrott: Family Bingo at South Perrott Village Hall. Eyes down 6.30pm. For more details call 01935 891224.
Chickerell: Anything Accordion evening at Victoria Inn, 7pm. A get together for Accordion enthusiasts to chat or play, listen or socialise, bring their own instrument or try one of the eight in my private collection. Call Clive wheeler for info, 07758134593.
Broadwindsor: Film: 'Bridget Jones' Baby' cert 15. Showing at Broadwinsor Comrades Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £6 on the door. For more details call 01308 867644.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

Weymouth: Talk by John Smith on the Channel Dash 1942, at Weymouth Library 10.30am. For more details call 01305 832613. Reserve a place at the library desk, payment on booking preferred. Details on FOWL membership available from The Secretary or on noticeboard in the library
Bothenhampton: Film: 'The Girl on the Train' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. £4 for film club members, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071. Organised by Bothenhamptn Village Hall Committee.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
West Bay, Bridport: The Devon and Dorset Old Comrades Association meeting. The association meets every third Monday of the month at 11am at Haddon House in West Bay.
Bridport: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with club callers and recorded music and frequently on last Mondays of the month live music with guest callers. No partner or previous experience required. Membership available giving admission at £2.50, otherwise £3.00. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

West Bay, Bridport: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

Uplyme: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first talk of 2017, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens, at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is entitled "Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile", and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.
Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

Dorchester: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come along to a seminar which is being taken by David Sinclair. David has been along several times before and is an excellent speaker . His subject this time will be "Who am I anyway? An exploration into identity and self-esteem. David is a member of the team of Wessex Psychotherapy and Counselling Services who offer professional therapy in Dorset and South Somerset. All are welcome ... there is no charge for this evening event. 7pm-9pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

Martinstown: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
West Bay, Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
Askerswell: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

Uplyme: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Ceilidh with music from Mischief and Mayhem in Uplyme Village Hall, from 7:30-11pm. Tickets are £9, to include supper (BYO alcohol), from Uplyme and Raymonds Hill Post Offices, Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis, or ring 01297 445104.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

Bridport: Bridport Vintage Sunday 10am-4pm. The shops and Red Brick Cafe at St Michaels Trading Estate will be open, come and spend your afternoon with us!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

Burton Bradstock: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk
Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
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Bridport: A Box Full of Wonders - NT Archaeological discoveries in the South West. Talk by Nancy Grace, National Trust Archaeologist. Nancy has worked for the National Trust since 1986. Her work has taken her from Gloucester to Cornwall mainly on the collections, excavations and public events. Her talk will concentrate on the work done in Dorset with information about sites excavated in other parts of the South West. Presented by the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) Bridport United Church Main Hall, East St, 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Visitors £3 includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For further information 01308 863577

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JEREMY Smith, Partner at Symonds & Sampson in Beaminster is seen here welcoming here his latest recruit Liz Richards who has recently joined the staff in Beaminster. Jeremy commented "we are extremely pleased to welcome Liz aboard. She has recently moved into Beaminster and has had historically a wealth of estate agency experience working for a number of well-known and highly respected estate agency business". There is no doubt that these levels of experience will prove to be invaluable to our many vendors and applicants alike.

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5 TIPS FOR SMALL ROOMS

By Julia Gray, Press Association



1. In small bedrooms, storage is all-important. Fitted wardrobes provide floor-to-ceiling storage and are most useful if built in what might otherwise be wasted space, such as the alcoves next to a chimney breast. Fitted wardrobes aren't expensive if you make them out of MDF (or get a carpenter to), and can be customised for your storage needs. A bed with built-in storage may also be a good investment.



2. To make a small bathroom work well, think about re-jigging the layout - would there be more space with a corner toilet, shower cubicle or basin, for example? Also consider the depth of the toilet - some are a lot shorter than others, giving you more useable floor space. If you don't use the bath, could you save space by replacing it with a shower cubicle? This may put off some buyers when you come to sell, but may be worth it if it improves the bathroom for you. If you want to keep the bath, there may be a better bath for the room, such as a shorter, narrower or tapered one.



3. Fitting everything in a small kitchen can be a challenge. Consider moving the washing machine to the bathroom or under-stairs cupboard, for example, and fitting smaller appliances, such as a two-burner hob. Clever kitchen designs make more of limited space - try a pullout worktop and wall-hung table that folds down. Tall wall units, if the ceiling's high enough, give you more storage by using otherwise wasted space.

4. A small boiler will free up space. Dated properties often have a big, floor-standing boiler with a hot-water cylinder, plus tanks in the loft. In smaller properties, this takes up valuable space and is unnecessary because a combi boiler (no cylinder or tank needed) will usually suffice (ask a heating engineer if in doubt), some combis are especially compact.

5. In some rooms, it's hard to find wall space for a radiator without putting furniture in front of it, which is pointless. Solve the problem with slimline vertical radiators - they're ideal when wall space is limited and are handy for drying big things like sheets. Most vertical radiators are only one or two columns deep, which limits the heat output. As well as being a practical solution for small rooms, these radiators are the perfect combination of period elegance and contemporary style, and a nice feature in their own right.



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HOW-TO TIP

If you're drilling into tiles, you'll need a special tile specific drill bit - it looks like a spear and is available from tile and DIY shops. Put a piece of masking tape over where you want to drill to stop the bit from slipping.



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Dorchester **£1,350 pcm**

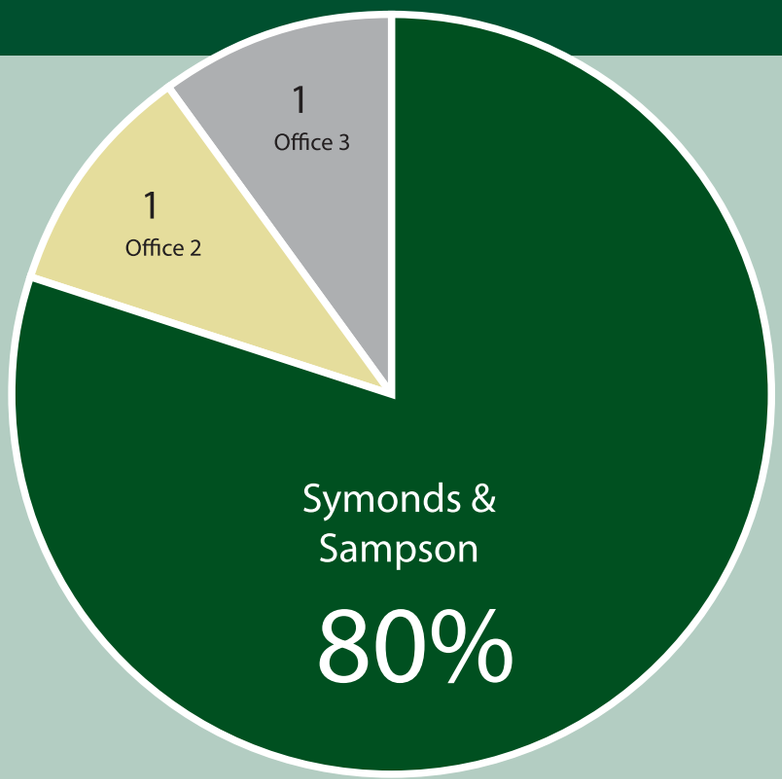
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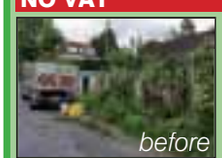
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Customers interested in the new Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross can go to the following link for updates: www.mitsubishi-cars.co.uk/eclipse-cross/

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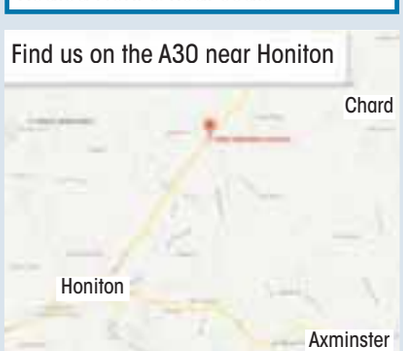
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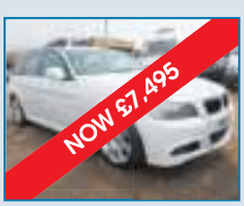
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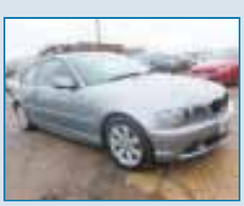
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Evo-Stik Premier South (46)	Pld	Pts
Chippenham Town	34	72
Merthyr Town	34	68
Hitchin Town	32	67
Leamington	32	65
Slough Town	32	64
Banbury Utd	34	57
Frome Town	33	55
Chesham Utd	30	52
Kettering Town	33	52
Biggleswade Town	33	52
St Ives Town	34	45
WEYMOUTH	33	44
Redditch Utd	35	43
King's Lynn Town	33	42
Dunstable Town	31	42
Basingstoke Town	33	41
Stratford Town	33	35
Kings Langley	34	33
DORCHESTER TOWN	33	32
St Neots Town	32	28
Cirencester Town	34	28
Hayes & Yeading Town	31	27
Cambridge City	33	26
Cinderford Town	30	14

Wessex Premier (42)	Pld	Pts
Moneyfields	31	73
Blackfield & Langley	30	63
PORTLAND UTD	29	62
Sholing	29	58
AFC Portchester	30	50
Team Solent	26	47
Alresford Town	26	46
Brockenhurst	29	42
Horndean	26	41
Newport IoW	29	40
Lymington Town	29	38
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	26	37
Andover Town	29	36
Amesbury Town	30	35
Hamworthy Utd	32	35
Bashley	29	33
Fareham Town	29	30
Bournemouth	30	28
Cowes Sports	29	25
Whitchurch Utd	29	25
Fawley	33	25
Verwood Town	30	21

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
BALTI SPORTS	24	61
Holt Utd	19	49
Swanage & Herston	21	42
Hamworthy Recreation	22	42*
DORCHESTER SPORTS	21	41
Westland Sports	22	39
Parley Sports	19	35
Gillingham Town Res	20	34
Merley Cobham Sports	15	30
Blandford Utd	22	30
BRIDPORT RESERVES	23	25
Sturminster Newton Utd	22	23
Wareham Rangers	19	18
Mere Town	22	18
Hamworthy Utd Reserves	23	14
Sherborne Town Reserves	22	9
Cranborne	22	3

Dorset Senior League (26)	Pld	Pts
Witchampton Utd	16	38
DORCHESTER SP RES	13	33
Allendale	17	33
Milborne Port	18	31
PORTLAND UTD RES	17	23
Shaftesbury Town Res	10	22
Corfe Mullen Utd	16	22
CHICKERELL UTD	15	20
Wincanton Town Res	13	19
Poole Borough	18	19
Piddletrenthide Utd	14	16*
Boscombe Polonia	13	10
Blandford Utd Res	16	9
Westlands Sports Res	12	1

Dorset League Div 1 (26)	Pld	Pts
Broadstone	17	35
Corfe Castle	15	32
Mere Town Reserves	14	29
AFC Blandford	13	27
Canford Utd	17	27
Tisbury	14	25
Wareham Rangers Res	12	23
Wool & Winfrith	17	20
BALTI SPORTS RES	16	18
Parley Sports Res	15	16
Swanage & Herston Res	12	14
PORTLAND UTD YOUTH	15	13*
WEYMOUTH A	15	12
PORTLAND TOWN	12	1

Dorset League Div 2 (20)	Pld	Pts
Allendale Reserves	14	33
Piddlehinton Utd	15	32
Broadmayne	15	28
MAIDEN NEWTON & C	14	25
PORTESHAM UTD	15	21
Owermoigne	15	20
Sturm Newton Utd Res	13	17
Stalbridge	10	16
CHICKERELL UTD RES	14	11
Broadstone Res	15	8
Milborne Port Res	12	8

Dorset League Div 3 (22)	Pld	Pts
Sturminster Marshall	18	49
Okeford Utd	17	38
Allendale A	19	35
AFC Blandford Res	18	26
Marnhull	17	25
South Cheriton Utd	15	22
Handley Sports	14	20
Pimperne Sports Society	19	18
Donhead Utd	15	17
PORTLAND TOWN A	19	17
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	17	14
Wool & Winfrith Res	14	9

Dorset Div Four (22)	Pld	Pts
Swanage RBL	17	41
Corfe Castle Res	15	31
CHICKERELL UTD A	15	29
BRIDPORT A	11	26
PORTLAND TOWN B	16	26
PORTESHAM UTD RES	18	22
Lytchett & Upton RT	16	20
Marnhull Res	13	15*
Shillingstone	16	14
Crossways Spitfires	17	10
Wincanton Town A	12	8*
Wool & Winfrith A	12	6*

Dorset Football

WITH STUART BROOM & HOWARD LARCOMBE

McKechnie triple keeps Blues in race

Leamington 5 Dorchester Town 0
Evo-Stik South Premier – att; 405

SINCE being thumped 6-0 by fellow title contenders Slough Town recently, Leamington have struggled to regain form until Saturday when they helped erase the memory by putting five past Dorchester who had lost their previous four.

The Brakes were in sparkling form and took the lead in the 12th minute. Tony Breeden's free kick found the unmarked Jack Edwards on the edge of the box and he directed his header into the space behind the Magpies defence for Ahmed Obeng to slip his shot under Shane Murphy.

Murphy then was forced to turn Callum Powell's curling free kick away, but it wasn't long before Powell got his first goal for the Brakes since signing on loan from Wrexham. Obeng turned and played the ball into Powell who evaded Matt Oldring's sliding tackle before calmly firing past Murphy.

Obeng almost made it three when he turned Frankie Clarke, but his angled shot flicked off the tip of the angle of the goal frame, and them Murphy blocked Courtney Baker-Richardson's shot.

Dorchester's first real chance came when Breeden went down at Ollie Mehew's feet as he jinked along the byline and the ball rebounded to Ollie Bassett but his low cross was diverted away from the inrushing Neil Martin.

The hosts increased their advantage after 56 minutes when Baker-Richardson ran on to James Mace's pass to fire low across Murphy into the far corner. Three minutes later Mace glanced Jordan Goddard's inswinging flag kick into the far corner.

The rout was completed on 72 minutes when Nathan Walker's headed clearance fell to Robert Thompson-Brown who lashed it low past Murphy from 20 yards.

The Magpies almost grabbed a consolation when sub Ben Wood charged down a clearance on the halfway line for a run on goal, but Breeden got down to block his shot.

Brakes boss Paul Holleran said afterwards that the first 45 minutes was as good as his side had played for a long time.

Whilst that may be so, it is no consolation to Laird who has to turn things round now quickly and Saturday's home fixture against Dunstable Town (3pm ko) looks like a must-win situation.

Brockenhurst 0 Portland Utd 3
Sydenhams Wessex Premier

PORTLAND United kept the pressure on the top two in the Sydenham Wessex Premier League when they produced another excellent result in beating Brockenhurst at Grigg Lane on Saturday with Ryan McKechnie bagging a hat trick.

A heavy pitch made it difficult to play flowing football but Portland opened the scoring inside two minutes when Alex Godfrey's cross found McKechnie whose shot took a wicked deflection off a defender to wrong foot keeper Dan Maher.

Four minutes later they doubled their advantage when Ross Doidge's ball forward stuck in the mud as Maher came to collect, and McKechnie took advantage to prod the ball past the stranded keeper to fire into an empty net.

Brockenhurst tried to respond, but were well off target with a couple of efforts before Jamie Beasley's lofted effort bounced off the Badgers crossbar. Five minutes later Ed Bastick who had a scintillating first half down the right side weaved his way forward before releasing Godfrey, but the striker fired over the angle of the goal frame.

The Blues sealed the victory with a third on 39 minutes when Max Buckler and Doidge combined to give Bastick a run at goal.

The pass was cut out by a defender who slipped in the mud as he retrieved the ball allowing Bastick to feed McKechnie on the edge of the box. His run took him past a defender before firing high into the roof of the net.

Portland keeper Jordan Mullis was called into action just before the break when a mazy run along the left byeline gave Matt Vokes a chance but Mullis was quick to react and blocked his effort with his legs.

Bastick completed a good personal half by almost adding a fourth. He ghosted in to meet Chris Clarke's left wing cross, but his header brought an acrobatic save from Maher to turn the ball over the bar.

The second half saw more Portland pressure and both Godfrey and Beasley went close.

Although Mullis was rarely troubled he brilliantly got down to Noel McCarthy-Gardner's angled shot to tip it onto the base of the post.

Godfrey who worked like a Trojan up front was unlucky not to find the scoresheet, had two final efforts but one hit the near post side netting and the other went wide.

Assistant manager Mark Carter said: "It was an excellent team performance and I thought we were far superior in what were very heavy conditions. They followed our instructions to a tee and totally dominated the game."

Carter had sympathy for Godfrey who was leading the line with Lewis Clarke out with a groin injury. The midfielder was given scoring chances but it wasn't his day.

"I did feel sorry for Alex as he worked so hard up front. His movement and hold-up play was superb, but he didn't have a finish in him which was disappointing."

The Blues are in action again tonight (Wednesday ko 7.45pm) when they entertain TEAM SOLENT who are currently sixth.

DORSET PREMIER

WITH Holt United inactive, BALTI SPORTS extended their lead at the top of the table to a whopping 12 points after mauling Wareham Rangers 9-0 on their own turf.

Danny Andrews natted a hat trick for the Weymouth-based Balti whose other goals came from Oscar Preece (2), Ricky Lane, Ethan Devaney, Vharlkie Kenderdine and Sean Zima.

Current top scorers;
23 - Dan Andrews (Balti Sports).
20 – Graham Rose (Swanage).
19 – Josh Hunter (Bridport Res).
19 – Nathan Saxby (Holt Utd).
18 – Ricki Lane (Balti Sports).

DORSET LEAGUE

Senior Division

STRIKES from Liam Cullen, Dave Perry, Jamie Edwards, Gavin Wayman and an OG earned leaders Witchampton a 5-1 win over Shaftesbury Town Reserves.

Second placed DORCHESTER SPORTS kept the Witches in their sight by picking up all three points with a 7-1 at victory over Westland Sports Reserves. Jamie West led the way with five for the Sports whose other marksmen were Laurens Van Der Liej and Edmund Eastwick.

Allendale visited Boscombe Polonia and won 4-2. Boscombe's goals came from Lukasz Salo and Grzegorz Kowalczyk.

Corfe Mullen took all three points from their trip to Milborne Port winning 4-2. Jack McGann (2), Jack White and Matt Lemar netted for Corfe while Maculay Biddle got both of Milborne's goals.

Nick Mitchell scored for Poole Borough but it wasn't to deny visitors Piddletrenthide Utd a 2-1 victory.

PORTLAND UTD RESERVES moved up to fifth with a 4-1 home win over Blandford Utd Reserves with goals from Anstey (2), Josh Camp and Paul Cole.

Division One

MIKE Todd (3), Dan Frisby (2) and James Ivey all scored for league leaders Broadstone as they hammered visiting Wareham Rangers 6-0.

Second placed Corfe Castle won 4-1 at third placed Mere Town Reserves.

Parley Sports Reserves won 3-1 away at Canford Utd where Connor Wright netted for the hosts.

Swanage Town thrashed hosts Portland Utd Youth 8-1 with Jordan Sharp bagging Portland's lonely looking consolation.

Dan Booth got the only goal as Tisbury beat Wool & Winfrith 1-0 while Balti Sports Reserves won 3-0 at home against Portland Town.

Division Two

LOWLY CHICKERELL RESERVES stunned visiting league leaders Allendale Reserves with a 2-1 victory thanks to goals from James Hansford and Nathen Cox.

Second placed Piddlehinton lost 2-1 at home against MAIDEN NEWTON & CATTISTOCK. Lucas Allen scored for Piddlehinton.

Two goals for Jacob Wilson and one for Nick White were enough for PORTESHAM UTD to beat visitors Stalbridge 3-1.

Owermoigne and Sturminster Newton shared the points as they drew 2-2. Justin Crawford and Ismel Gonzalez scored for Owermoigne.

Broadmayne beat visitors Broadstone 2-0 with goals being scored by James Hitchens and Jon Turland.

Division Three

RUNAWAY leaders Sturminster Marshall surged further clear at the top after thrashing South Cheriton 6-0. Elsewhere, PORTLAND TOWN A went down 3-2 at Allendale A.

Division Four

LEADERS Swanage RBL won 6-3 against visitors CHICKERELL UNITED A whose consolations came from was Dillon Ackerman, Matt Stickland and Adam Stuart while PORTESHAM UTD RESERVES won 3-0 away at Wool and Winfrith A.

Rugby

Puddletown surge to victory in Askers derby

Puddletown 36 Bridport 8

WITH the supporters freezing on the sideline, the home side turned up the temperature on the pitch with a thoroughly convincing performance sending high flying Bridport back over Askers to nurse their wounds.

Puddletown set about the first 20 minutes in a determined fashion with the early pressure resulting in Sam Pomeroy opening the scoring with a well taken unconverted try down the left wing.

More could have followed in the opening exchanges before Bridport settled and capitalised on some Puddletown handling errors to force a converted penalty in front of the posts.

With possession and territory mainly with the Villagers another score seem inevitable with blindside flanker Ryan Snook cutting through the centres and diving over to score.

Both sides, following injuries, had forced personnel and position changes. Puddletown skipper Jez Beale - stepping back into comfortable shoes at front row - took advantage off a well-drilled rolling maul from a 10m line out to spin out of several tackles to score under the posts, converted by Tom Yeatman.

With score at 17-3 at half time the hostsstuck to their task straight from the whistle, Sam Cload passing the ball out of the tackle giving Pomeroy a long run in handing off two would be tacklers to score his second try under the posts. Yeatman again add the extras.

The visitors were not lying down, eventually breaking down Puddletown's resolute defence, spotting a gap in the centres the opportunity was taken to score an unconverted try.

The last quarter saw Puddletown extend their lead with two tries; the first from a typical scrum half jinking run, and the second after good defensive work on their own line forced Bridport back.

A perfect box kick then resulted in a turnover, Puddletown regained possession for James House to show the defence a clean pair of heals for the concluding unconverted try.

Dorset & Wilts Div 2(S)	Pld	Pts
New Milton II	14	65
Salisbury III	14	52
Bridport	14	46
Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew	13	42
PUDDLETOWN	13	38
Bournemouth IV	14	26
Ellingham & Ringwood II	13	25
Oakmedians II	14	20
DORCHESTER II	14	12
Lytchett Minster II	13	0
North Dorset III	14	-5

Seasiders topple Salisbury

SALISBURY 2ND 20
WEYM'TH & PORTLAND 24

WEYMOUTH & Portland manager Vaughan Carter was surprised but delighted with his team's victory over third placed Salisbury on Saturday.

Carter Said: "To be honest I didn't really expect to return with a win. I was confident we would perform well after winning at Bournemouth last week, but I thought a victory away against a team higher in the league was beyond us. However, for the second week in a row the lads proved me wrong.

"The game was nip and tuck from the kick off. They scored first but we managed to get our noses in front before they came back at us.

"We then enjoyed a purple patch midway through the second half to lead 24-13 and, despite Salisbury scoring another try, we had enough resolve to run down the clock until the final whistle."

Seasiders' centre Bryn Llewellyn grabbed their first try and then slotted the conversion himself, closely followed by a try from number 8 Dan Bowditch.

Full back Chris Lewendon was next to touchdown for Weymouth & Portland with Llewellyn adding the extras, before centre Jonny Young extended their lead with a touchdown that went unconverted.

Salisbury responding with a try of their own but the Seasiders held on for victory to consolidate fifth spot.

Carter added: "I had a few words with our wing three quarter JT Moncher before the game.

"He has only been playing rugby for a couple of years and is still learning, so I told him that when we are attacking he can come in off his wing and go looking for the ball and that's just what he did.

"He's a great runner and after a couple of forays the Salisbury defenders had to keep an eye on him which created more space for the rest of our backs to run into. Loose forward Sean Murphy also had a fine game."

Dorset & Wilts Div 1(S)	Pld	Pts
Yeovil	15	70
Wimborne II	15	59
Salisbury II	15	58
DORCHESTER	15	50
WEYM'TH & PORTLAND	15	41
Bournemouth III	15	40
Oakmeadians	15	37
Lytchett Minster	15	31
Swanage & W II	15	25
North Dorset II	15	12
East Dorset	15	-1
Sherborne II	15	-8

Indoor youth cricket

Martinstown secure title

THE West Dorset Indoor Cricket League's under 14s section reached a thrilling climax as the season drew to a close at The Osprey Leisure Centre with Martinstown and Bere Regis, both facing a rapidly improving Weymouth Ladies, and both in with a shout of League honours.

Martinstown 139-1 beat
Weymouth Ladies 53 all out by 86 runs

BATTING first, Martinstown began well with openers David Lewis (28*) and Ed Maltby (26*) plundering 58 off the first five overs.

But the Ladies never gave up and their ever-improving attack, backed up by some superb fielding, slowed the run rate and resulted in the excellent run out of Damien Lewis for 7.

With both Will Maltby (25*) and Harry Mitchell (10 *) scoring at a good run rate, Martinstown finished their 12 overs with a respectable 139-1.

The Ladies began well with 16 from the first two overs. Danielle Srittle (18), in particular, displayed the rapid rise in the standard of the ladies' batting with some fine shots.

However, a well-drilled Martinstown found their rhythm and, with Alison Lloyd departing to a run out, the innings slowed. The Maltby siblings, Will (2-0-8-2) and Ed (2.4-0-10-2) bowled superbly and when David Lewis (3-0-14-1) took the final wicket Martinstown ran out comfortable winners.

Bere Regis 158-3 beat
Weymouth Ladies 108-3 by 50 runs

BERE, batting first knew that only victory would do if their were to challenge Martinstown for the title and they began well with Tom Munnings (25*) and Harry Green (28*) racking up 78 from the first five overs.

The Ladies battled well in the field and another excellent display resulted in three run outs as they continued to display the huge strides they have made in all aspects of the game.

Bere's batsman continued to punish anything short as Oliver Mayo (26*) and Matt Hobbs (20*) saw them post a challenging 158.

The Ladies fought back well, and gutsy innings of 23 from Danielle Srittle (23) and Captain Jo Hayson's unbeaten 28 caused Bere a few worries as they kept plugging away at the target.

But the Bere attack gave little away and, despite another determined innings from Alison Lloyd (19*) the Ladies fell short.

With both Martinstown and Bere finishing with the same win/lose record it was down to number crunching time to decide the destiny of the League Trophy with Martinstown coming out on top by virtue of a far better run rate.

The indoor season concludes with the **Cup Competitions**. The under 16s take place on and the Under 14s on Saturday, March 4th with the opening games in both competitions starting at 10am.

Bridport & District Table Skittles

Division A	Pd	Pts	BL
Crown Duels	14	57	10
Jesters	15	53	11
What an Anchor	16	46	12
Hopeless Anchor	16	44	10
Odds Against	16	43	7
Ria Gunners	16	41	10
What's The Odds	14	39	9
No Hopers	16	39	7
Fred's Heros	16	34	4
The Devils	16	32	5
Muck' Fuddlers	16	22	6
Fishermans F'nds	15	15	3

Division B	Pd	Pts	BL
Consorts	16	54	10
Five Alive	16	51	10
Hit and Hope	16	48	9
Bell Ends	15	44	4
George Gormets	16	42	11
Slingers	16	42	12
Baggies Boys	13	39	10
Little Nibblers	15	35	7
Mel's Men	15	32	7
About Time	16	32	5
Stickups	14	21	3
Has Beens	16	20	5

Lyme Regis Cribbage

RESULTS (Jan 30th); New Inn Kilm A 3 Nags Head 2, Charlie's Angels 3 Stepps 2, Dolphin 3 Ship Inn LR 0, Talbot Arms 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Lamb Swans 3 Ax Con Club 2.

Beer League;New Inn Kilm A 2 Nags Head 1, Charlie's Angels 2 Stepps 1, Dolphin 1 Ship Inn LR 4, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Lamb Swans 2 Ax Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels v Talbot Arms, Stepps v Gerrard Arms, Dolphin v Lamb Swans, Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm, Nags Head v Ax Con Club,

Table - Week 18	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	16	49
Gerrard Arms	17	49
Ship Inn, LR	17	45
New Inn Kilm A	17	45
Ax Con Club	16	41
Dolphin, Beer	16	40
Lamb Swans	17	40
Charlie's Angels	16	39
Talbot Arms	16	38
Stepps	16	38
New Inn Kilm B	16	26

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	16	30
Stepps	16	28
Lamb Swans	17	27
Charlie's Angels	16	26
New Inn Kilm B	16	26
Ax Con Club	17	24
Gerrard Arms	16	23
Dolphin, Beer	16	21
New Inn Kilm A	17	21
Ship Inn, LR	17	21
Talbot Arms	16	21

Bees news

WITH STUART BROOM

Dogged Bees earn a point

Bridport Res 2 Mere Town 2
Dorset premier League

WHILST disappointed that his charges didn't take all three points against Mere Town on Saturday, Bridport manager Shaun Annetts felt that his side had done enough to have won, but at the same time they could have done better.

On a heavy pitch that was starting to dry out, the surface was very stodgy and particularly lofted balls tended to stick in the mud making it awkward for flowing football.

With no recognised keeper available, assistant manager Simon Gale once again donned the gloves.

Having not played for two weeks the Bees were a little rusty but after an even start they took the lead after 10 minutes when the Mere keeper's poor clearance eventually found Ali Kamara who unleashed an early shot that nestled in the top corner of the net.

Having taken the lead, Bridport failed to capitalise, and entered a 20 minute spell littered with poor passing and the conceding numerous free kicks.

This invited pressure and they conceded on the half hour.

This seemed to jolt the hosts back into gear as they adjusted to the conditions and they regained the lead before the break with a second Kamara goal.

After an even start to the second half, Mere got the equaliser when the Bees failed to clear their lines.

The Bees were guilty of creating the better chances but failing to finish them. Sam Handyside drove through the heart of the Mere defence, but instead of shooting played in Hull whose angled shot hit the side netting.

Josh Hunter also had a chance with a header but couldn't generate enough power to make it count.

There was only one real scare for the Bees defence when Dan Peart misjudged a dropping ball allowing a Mere forward a clear run on goal. However he was stopped in his tracks by a fabulous tackle by the recovering Nathan Storey.

Annetts said: "We didn't play as well as we can. Whilst the ground might have had a bearing, our passing wasn't as good as it could be.

"However, in the last 20 minutes we created enough chances to have won it, although on reflection a draw wasn't a bad result."

Schools Sport

Woodroffe in county under 15 finals

WOODROFFE School girls recently played some sparkling cricket to reach the County Indoor cricket finals at a West Dorset tournament held at The Wey Valley School.

The Year 10 team fielded first against the Wey Valley and although they failed to take a wicket they restricted the hosts to just 40. They then went onto score 135 and win by 95 runs.

Not to be outdone, the year nine team also defeated Wey Valley by 177 runs. Maisie McCarthy top scored with 31 including four sixes.

The deciding match between the two Woodroffe sides was a nailbiting affair.

Opting to bat first, the year 10s reached 84 for 4 thanks mainly to a lively 28 from Katie Henderson who was well supported by Freya Southcott (11).

However, the year nines were sharp in the field which was epitomised by the fielding of Rose Trafford who engineered three run outs.

Millie Vacher bowled quickly and took the other wicket to fall wicket as the 10s were dismissed for 84.

Needing 10.5 an over, the year nine team got off to a bad start when captain Frankie Steed was caught and bowled by Henderson.

But Emily Wright (15) and Maisie McCarthy (17) came together and accelerated the scoring. But, with the score on 75, captain Clara Jeavons bowled a tight over and, with the pressure mounting two run outs halted the year nine flow.

Henderson bowled a fine last over restricting the final score to 80 and clinching victory and the District Championship title by just four runs.

The team are now through to the County Finals to be played at Hurn on March 29th.



◆ THROUGH TO COUNTY FINAL: The Woodroffe Girls year 10 team

Girls Cricket at Uplyme Cricket Club

THERE are further opportunities for girls aged 14+ to play cricket.

Uplyme Cricket Club are supporting an ECB initiative in the line with the Women's World Cup being hosted in England this summer to get more girls playing the game.

There will be six weeks of coaching on Tuesdays after school in the Woodroffe Sports Hall for all girls aged 14+ beginning on February 21st.

Contact ECB Level 2 Coach Eddie Clarke on 07474 682941 edandjoc@btinternet.com for further details.

Indoor Bowls - news from Bridport and Moonfleet clubs

Bridport Men through to Over 60s play-offs

BRIDPORT A finished runners-up in Section A of the Men's County Over 60s League and will now play Isle of Portland, winners of section B, in the semi-final knock-out stage at Dorchester.

Although they picked up maximum points at Bournemouth in the final game of the season, Dolphin A also did likewise at Dorchester, to pip Bridport by two points.

Dolphin B failed to beat IoP in the final game in Section B and will therefore play Dolphin A in the other semi-final.

The full Bridport A squad comprises; Phil Hedger, Barry Mapson, Bob Hill, Gerry Moss, Chris Everest, Brian Baker, Ken Sanger, John Boxall, Mel Griffiths, Huw Rees, Brian Walsh and Robin Pither.

Meanwhile, Bridport B also ended on a high note in Section B winning 32-22 at Moonfleet to secure third place. Geoff Hansen, Peter Carnell & Mike Craddock finished 18-10 up, whilst David Jenkin, Reg Dodd & Keith Jenkins also won 14-12.

Bridport A Ladies put up a good fight against leaders Dolphin A in the County League with both rinks going down narrowly. Pamela Daters, Gill Hunt, Ann Turtelll & Sue Walsh lost 22-23, whilst Francis Hewett, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp were beaten 16-18.

On Saturday, February 25th (10am - 2pm) and Sunday 26th (2pm-4pm) the club are holding taster sessions.

All equipment is provided free; just turn up at the club at the bottom of St Andrews Industrial Estate and have a go.

Spokesperson Brian Baker said: "Anyone aged from eight to 80+ are capable of playing bowls and we have Bowls Buggies for anyone with a disability.

"New coach Steven Grier, already regarded as one of the country's top young coaches, would particularly like to establish a junior section."

Baker added: "Taster's are always available throughout the year, just telephone me on 01308 425247 to fix a date."



◆ ALL THE PRESIDENT'S (AND MOONFLEET'S) MEN: Last Friday afternoon the Moonfleet 2000 Indoor Bowls Club hosted for the first game of the Berkshire County Presidents Tour which comprised a team of bowlers from the Reading area on a weekend friendly tour of Dorset. All six rinks were in use with the 48 bowlers playing 21 ends, with the visiting Presidents team winning 128-114. The Presidents team continued their tour playing at Dorchester Bowls Club on the Saturday and Dolphin (Poole) on the Sunday.

Dorch Snooker

Cup finals all sorted

RESULTS; West Dorset Club A 5 Colliton XQ 2016 2, Trinity M 4 WDC Team Shaky 2, WDC YYMFDT 2 Colliton Hopefuls 4.

Top Breaks; E Wellman 65 Clearance, 28, 24; J Millican 33; G Bartlett 27, 25; M Woodroffe 26.

Top Break of the Season; Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) 65.

Team Handicap Knock-Out Cup – Semi Finals; Colliton Hopefuls 1 Trinity M 4, Colliton XQ 2016 2 West Dorset Club A 4. *Cup final on March 30th at Trinity Club.*

Team Open Knock-Out Cup - Semi Finals;
Colliton XQ 2016 0 West Dorset Club A 4, WDC YYMFDT 0 Trinity M 4.
Cup final on March 27th at Trinity Club.

Rearranged League matches; Trinity M v Colliton XQ 2016 (Wednesday, February 23rd), Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys Monday, March 13th West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (Wednesday, March 15th), Colliton XQ 2016 v WDC Team Shaky (Monday, March 20th), WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M Wednesday, March 22nd, WDC YYMFDT v Colliton Hopefuls (Being rearranged by team captains), WDC YYMFDT v West Dorset Club A to finish - score so far 3-2.

REMINDER
League results; Teams are reminded that results must be with the Secretary by 9am on the Sunday following the match.

Failure to notify results or cancellations to Secretary by this time results in a two-point deduction for the home or cancelling team.

Table (wk 15)	Pld	Pts
WDorset Club A	13	58
Colliton XQ2016	14	56
Colliton Hopefuls	13	55
Trinity M	15	52
WDC Team Shaky	14	51
Purbeck Potters	14	49
WDC YYMFDT	13	46
WDC Whipping B	14	25

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e February 11th.

Ladies

Wootton Wobblers (+BL) bt Wild Pins (Game given), Rollercoasters 275 (+BL) La Crème 261, Smashers 289 Hot Gossips 294 (+BL), Generations 297 Skittso's 303 (+BL).

Note: Result from Ladies George Nomination played on January 30th now confirmed: Wild Pins 202 bt Rollercoasters 170.

Men's

Miscellaneous bt Roadrunners (+BL), Trappers 346 (+BL) Flyers 340, Wreckers 334 No Hopers 389 (+BL), Tornadoes 336 Alleytwits 332 (+BL), Shakers 323 (+BL) President's Men 299, Rousdon Rebels 358 (+BL) Clueless 337, Young Guns 337 Marksmen 363 (+BL).

Upcoming cup fixtures

Monday, February 20th

Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Semi Finals: Rollercoasters v Hot Gossips, Wootton Wobblers v Wild Pins.

Wednesday, Feb 22nd

Men's Cornish Cup: Trappers v Clueless, Wreckers v Marksmen, Shakers – bye.

Friday, February 24th

Men's Cornish Cup: Rousdon Rebels v British Legion, Young Guns v No Hopers, Flyers v Roadrunners, Tornadoes v Anthill Mob, President's Men v

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
Marksmen	11	20	14
No Hopers	11	20	14
Flyers	12	16	4
Trappers	11	10	10
Young Guns	10	8	10
Clueless	11	8	8
Wreckers	11	8	8
Anthill Mob	11	6	16
Rousdon Rebels	12	4	16

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	9	13	12
President's Men	10	13	8
Miscellaneous	9	13	6
Tornadoes	10	10	8
Alleytwits	9	8	12
Shakers	10	5	12
British Legion	9	4	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Skittso's	11	18	16
Wootton Wobb	11	16	19
Rollercoasters	11	11	14
Smashers	11	11	8
Hot Gossips	9	10	10
Wild Pins	9	8	7
Generations	10	4	4
La Crème	10	4	4

Lyme Regis Golf

Captain shows the way

THE Ladies played their 16-hole February Stableford using a new layout and there were some excellent scores.

Captain Gilly Madill scored consistently well to rack up 36 points and win Division One by two points from Felicity Poole in second and Rosemary Shepherd in third with 34 points.

Division Two was a close contest as two in-form players went head-to-head, both scoring four points better than their handicap. Corinne Jones and Amy Mudford both scored 36 points, with the former winning but on count-back. Ronny Turner secured bronze with 34 points.

The Seniors' February Stableford was played in near Arctic conditions on the reserve day.

Taking advantage of the reduced field, Richard Jackman came first in Division One with 32 points, one better than Simon Prior and Neil Leggett who came second and third respectively.

Division Two was where the high scoring occured as Rob Laverton played brilliantly with the highest score of the day - 38 points.

John Jones made it a good family week as his 36 points secured second spot from David Hickman in third.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	12	23
Well Hung Clocks	12	17
BSC	12	17
Nomads	11	17
Five Sticky Fingers	11	12
Hands of Time	12	11
Noth'n But Treble	12	9
Nags Head A	12	5
Les Miserables	12	5
Rubber Johns	12	2

180s; Tony Young 7, Terry Prowse 6, Nigel Lamb 4, six players x3, nine players x2, 20 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	12	18
Odds or Us	12	18
Respect-de-Bull	12	18
Young Darters	12	18
One for the Vikings	12	15
Elders	12	13
Otter Rotters	12	5
No Direction	12	5
Dat Team	12	5
Anchor Five	12	5

180s; Ashley Parker 4, Stuart Alner & Andy Reid 3, Ashley Parker & Dan Rawlings both 2, 11 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	12	22
Dart Vaders	12	17
Poachers	12	17
The Surgeons	12	16
Midnight Runners	12	12
Anchor Vale Viewers	13	11
Tiger Bees	12	10
Flashes Fives	12	8
Royal Hawks	13	6
Time Bombs	12	3

180s; Paul Gumbrill 2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, Alistair Coutts, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrill & Danny Sorrell all x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	12	18
Wicked Team Name	12	18
No Chance	12	17
-1-11	12	15
The Nameless	12	14
Whamo	12	12
Odds & Sods	12	10
Sorted Odds	12	8
Hopeful Bashers	12	7
The Royal Nuts	12	1

180s; Andy Page, Paul Bearpark, Paul Lewis, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	18	34
Arrows Awry	18	28
Queens Bees	18	28
Sue's Rebels	18	26
Clocking On	18	21
Odd One Out	18	21
Queenies of the Club	18	17
Castaways	18	16
Against the Odds	18	15
Charlie's Angels	18	12
Don's Damsels	18	12
Good Mates	18	8
Drunking Aware	17	7
Tiger Stripes	17	5

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.

West Dorset Hockey

Young miners dig deep in Dorset

West Dorset Hawks 1
Camborne School of Mines 4

WHEN 15 youthful university students from The Camborne School of Mines arrived West Dorset knew they were up against it.

However, things couldn't have started better for hosts when a beautiful ball from Rick Dormor stuck to Dan Wyatt's stick in the D and he smashed it into the goal.

Wyatt went close soon after but fired narrowly wide.

But Camborne rallied and soon took control. Their fitness, speed and determination put Dorset under constant pressure and they soon scored twice to take the lead.

In the second half saw West Dorset put together some good passages of play but failed to score. Camborne capitalised on this and they soon turned to attack and added another couple of goals.

In the last quarter West Dorset's spirits where raised by the introduction of Alex Davis on as striker. His fresh legs, added to determination from the Hawks saw them come close but unfortunately it was all too late.

Southern Two	Pld	Pts
Plymouth Uni A	16	40
Chard	15	37
Penzance	16	36
Camborne School of Mines	16	32
Bude	16	31
WEST DORSET	16	21
PGSOB A	16	19
Bridgwater A	16	19
Caradon	15	17
ECV Hornets	16	15
Taunton Vale C	16	7
Devonport Services	16	0

Back to winning ways

Chard B 1 West Dorset A 2

FOLLOWING the disappointment of last week, West Dorset A welcomed back a number of players for their tough trip to Chard B, and recorded their first away win of the year.

Goals either side of half time were just reward for the constant attacking threat posed by the Hawks.

The midfield pairing of Rob Clark and Ollie Gargrave controlled the middle third effectively and provided good service to the front pairing of John Kellas and Henry Middleton.

The heroics of the home keeper kept the Hawks at bay until Clarke was able to open the scoring after great link up play from Gargrave and Ed Calvert.

A change of formation at the start of the second half saw the Hawks on the back foot briefly, allowing the hosts space and some half chances.

Reverting back to the tactics of the first half steadied the ship, and the second goal came from Middleton, who did well to score from a difficult angle.

Chard got back into the game following a harshly awarded short corner; the first time shot finding its way past unsighted keeper Alex Drew.

There was a little flurry from the hosts towards the final whistle, but the Hawks were able to see out the match for three points.

The Hawks travel to league leaders Tiverton on Saturday.

***Team**: Alex Drew (capt), Henry Middleton, Lee Connelly, Richard Wilson, Giles Maltby, Matt Keeping, Ollie Gargrave, Rob Clarke, John Kellas, Krystian Dubas, Ed Calvert.*

South East Two	Pld	Pts
Exeter University F	14	39
Tiverton	12	34
Chard A	13	27
Chard B	12	21
WEST DORSET A	12	17
Minehead B	14	15
Taunton Vale D	14	13
East Devon C	13	12
Dart A	14	10
ECV Hornets B	14	3*

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Howzat! Dave's 37 land Stableford win

FIFTEEN three-man teams of veterans took part in last Thursday's **Texas Scramble** off the yellow tees, four drives taken off each player and one/10th of combined handicap.

Apart from the cold, conditions were good and the winning scores were very close. Top of the pile was the team of Peter Marshall (8), Chris Everest (24) & James Clarke (25) scoring 66.3.

In second were George Brown (12), Dave Rendell (18) & Chris Roberts (21) with 66.8 while Marcus Beresford (15), Kevin Blackman (21) & Dave Smith (23) scoring secured third spot with 67.1.

It was a very cold morning for the Men's Sunday competition which was a Rediffusion **3BBB Stableford.**

Seventeen trios donned their thermals and woollies and some recorded some very good scores.

The winning team with 51 points was that of Grant Gerrard (11), Don McAllister (19) & Kieran McAllister (21).

In second were Lewis Craddock (6), Pat Hart (9) & Brian Austin (21) with 50. Third were Derek Christison (24), Jon Legg-Bagg (13) & Mike Thompson (17) scoring 47.

Fourteen players entered the mixed **Midweek Stableford**, and all bar one scored over 30 points.

The winner with 37 points was Dave Howat (17). Andy Dennis (6) took the runner-up spot with 36 and Bryn Dare (15) was third with 34 after count-back.

The Ladies recently played a **flag competition** over 11 holes across two days.

The winner who placed the flag in the 11th hole was Roseanne Bonfield. The runner up was Avril Brown who had her handicap reduced by two shots.

Saturday a **mixed Valentines 4BBB** reduced to nine-holes due to the chill and snow flurries.

Monies raised were not only for the lucky prize winners but also for Woofability the charity chosen by both the Club Captain and the Ladies Captain.

Woofability trains dogs to assist people with physical difficulties and also to be a safe companion for children and adults.

The winners, with 24 points on count back, were Avril Brown & Mike Thompson.

In second, again with 24 points, were Wendy Newton & Mike Savage and the final pair with in the prizes, again on count back, were Carolyn McAllister & Rob Smith

Pat Tolin and George Brown both carded two and won some golf balls.

Bridport Rugby

Away day woes as Bridport ship six

Puddletown 36
Bridport 8

BRIDPORT travelled to Puddletown on Saturday with great expectations but a depleted side due to injuries and half term holidays, left them light in the backs *writes Guy Livingston*.

Puddletown scored an early try and were able to put in some quick balls out to their backs from the breakdowns and poor defence in the visitors' backs allowed them to easily run in six tries.

Bridport did have their moments with some excellent play from Daragh Mcloughlin and some solid runs from Nathan Herbert who managed to put on three points on the board when he went over for a converted try.

Following the successful season that Bridport have had so far, the team were disappointed in the result, and hope to turn this around when they welcome Effingham & Ringwood on Saturday.

Also for rugby supporters, a reminder that all the six nations games on a Saturday are being shown in the Club house.

Honiton U13 5
Bridport 6

TWO well-matched teams put on a good show on a bitterly cold morning *writes Noel Gregory*.

Aided by the slope in the first half Honiton broke away to score after early pressure from Bridport had come to nothing.

With set scrums again being won against the head by Bridport's Captain Henry Mason, an open side move allowed Oliver Hansford-Harvey to score.

Two more tries were scored by Honiton after some slack tackling by the Blues, to give the hosts a 3-1 half time lead.

Downhill, Bridport fed the ball out well to the backs, and equalised, then went ahead with three tries by Hansford-Harvey.

Honiton equalised with another breakaway try, but then a quick penalty tap by Ernest Chaney put Thomas Craven overto put Bridport back in front.

Back came Honiton to equalise again, but George Found powered through to restore Bridport's lead at 6-5.

There then followed a period of -nonstop pressure on Bridport's line, but the Blues defended magnificently to hold on to their slender lead.

Home and away victories over a good Honiton team shows Bridport are progressing, but tackling and scrummaging must be worked on if they are to compete against the might of Taunton on March 5th.



◆ **UP AND AWAY:** Line-out action from Saturday's match. **Photo by *GUY LIVINGSTON***

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures.

Portman Handicap Cup – Round Three

Cup Winners Cup SF

Thursday, February 16th

ILCHESTER - Broadoak (5) v Nelson Nobblers.

Friday, February 17th

BRADPOLE CLUB – Originals v Aussies Lot (10).

Mens Pairs – Round Three

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

WEST DORSET CLUB - G Brooks & L Beresford; L Dare & C Barnes; R Herbert & G Herbert; B Churchill & C Churchill; E Tuck & D Tuck; A Huxter & N Pye; H Mills & M Horton; S Pitcher & A Cauldwell.

Wednesday, Feb 22nd

TIGER - J Peach & D Langridge; M Huxter & N Gurd; C Willcox & N Willcox; M Hooper & J Symes; R Pincombe & I Pincombe;T Cleal & A Way; M Powell & S Lee; S Gale & L Farnham.

Ladies Pairs – Round One (no byes)

Thursday, February 23rd

ILCHESTER - S Newman & G Legg; M Hansford & B Crandon; H Doble & M Paulley; J Cake & M Dare; K Symes & S Luter; S Tompkins & J Parsons; J Brooks & M Brooks; C Huxter & R Chubb; K Tuck & J Symes.

***Note**: Would the winners of last season's league trophies please return them as soon as possible to the Lord Nelson.*

Disabled Sport

Are you the next Ellie Simmonds?

DAVE White, England Para Swimming Talent coach will be at Weymouth Leisure Centre this morning (Wednesday) from 11.30-12.30pm and this afternoon at Dorchester Sports Centre from 2-3pm when he will be running FREE disability taster sessions looking for future Paralympic swimmers and advising on how to improve swimming skills.

To book a place contact dave.white@swimming.org or pop along to the pools.

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	11	27
Wozo's Warriors	9	24
Smack the Rack	11	22
Hunters Hot Pots	10	19
Old Cobbies	11	13
Drunken Sailors	10	13
Nags Head Trotters	10	12
Real Talbot	11	6
Ranger & Friends	9	0

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head A	10	20
Rousdon Club	10	20
Clockadoodledoo	12	16
Nags Z	12	15
Rock Point A	10	14
Royal Standard	12	12
Hunters Lodge	10	10
Four Play	10	8
Talbot Arms	10	8
Cobb Arms	9	4
Janners	10	4
Half an Octopus	11	3
See you Next Thurs	10	2

180s: R.Cross x5, T.Prowse x4, T.Bond x2, B.Grainger &T.Young both x2, 11 players x1.

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INSIDE: Local Sport round-up

More misery for fans as Terras flop again

Weymouth 0 Hitchin Town 2
Evo-Stik South Premier – att: 400

by Stuart Broom
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WEYMOUTH manager Jason Matthews read the riot act to his players following the midweek 3-0 defeat at Slough Town where he claimed their performance was not acceptable and admitted his charges were "second best all over".

He would therefore have been looking for an improved display last Saturday when the Terras took on Hitchin Town, another of the promotion hopefuls who currently sit in third spot in the Evo-Stik South Premier League.

He saw them compete for almost an hour before two goals in a space of two minutes killed off their hopes and left the Canaries to run out easy winners.

Having won their last eight consecutive games and thirteen of their last fifteen, Hitchin were never going to be easy, particularly with Weymouth's form being so patchy, but they looked capable until they conceded.

Brett Donnelly might have done better than head straight at Terras keeper Tom McHale from a corner, whilst at the other end Mark Moseley worked Canaries keeper Michael Johnson with a 20-yarder before firing another effort wide in a rather lacklustre first half.

However, Hitchin didn't take too long after the break to impose themselves on the match, and Brett Donnelly gave them the lead, glancing Robbie Burns' driven cross beyond McHale and into the bottom corner of the net.

The pair reversed roles on the hour when Burns turned home Donnelly's cross at the far post.

Shaken and demoralised, Weymouth fell away from this point, and apart from a handful of bookings the game petered out leaving Weymouth fans once again scratching their heads at their side's inconsistency.

Weymouth had the chance to redeem themselves last night when they entertained Dunstable Town.



◆ **MATCH ACTION:** The Weymouth-based South West Coasters Basketball team (yellow) defeated the Penryn Saracens 60-59 in a nailbiter last week, *match report on our website viewnews.co.uk.*

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